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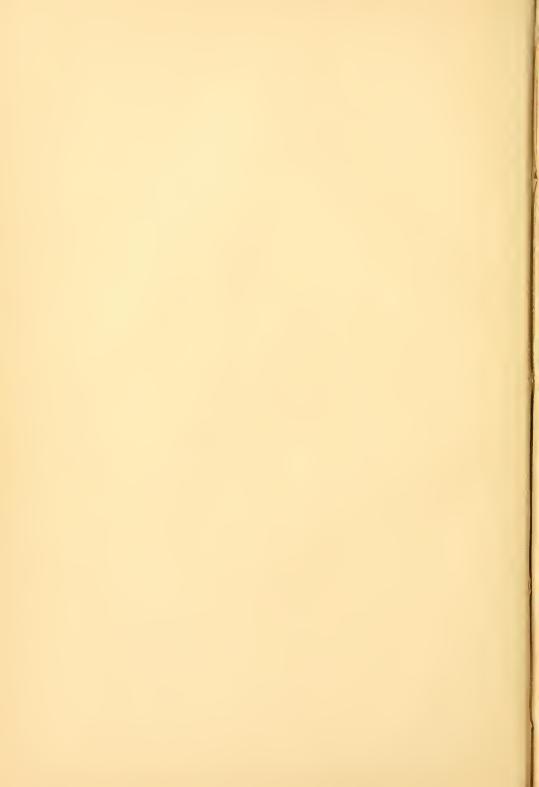
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#### DURING MY EARLY STUDIES

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# PREFACE.

It is commonly taught that the Syntax of Hebrew is a matter of small importance. Very seldom, indeed, is any special attention given to the subject. The grammars upon which American students have depended furnish exhaustive treatments of Etymology, but contain only a meagre amount of Syntax. It is because men have not studied Hebrew Syntax, because, as a matter of fact, they are ignorant of it, that they have failed to appreciate its value.

It is true that the Hebrew is lacking in the power to present without ambiguity many of the exact and beautiful shades of thought for which expression is found in the Latin and the Greek. It is true that the Hebrew is more dependent upon the context for the precise determination of the meaning than is either of these languages. It is all the more necessary, however, to become acquainted with the constructions which are possible in a given case. It will generally be conceded, that in no respect is the Revision of the Old Testament so weak as in its Syntax. One need only compare critically the translation of the tenses in the first ten or twelve Psalms, to discover the shortcomings of the Revision, and at the same time to understand the difficulty and importance of the subject.

It may be said that, notwithstanding the lack of American grammars in this respect, the existence of such works as those of Driver, Ewald, and Müller renders the publication of a new treatment unnecessary. But it will be remembered that Driver, aside from his Appendices, treats exclusively of the "Tense," the most important of all syntactical subjects, yet a single subject; that Ewald's work, the only philosophical treatment of the subject, can only be appreciated by one who has given much time and attention to Hebrew Syntax; and that Müller's book is brief, obscure, and unsatisfactory. If a new text-book has been needed in any department of linguistic study, it is in that of Hebrew Syntax.

The present work has not been undertaken in order to add anything to the results already achieved in the line of syntactical investigation, but rather to classify and arrange these results in such a way as to bring them within the reach of that large class of Hebrew students who need and desire a knowledge of them but have little time in which to obtain it. No claim, therefore, is made for the originality of the material presented. In a work of so elementary a character, intended only to serve as an introduction to a more exhaustive study of the

language, the presentation of any but the most common principles would have been out of place. It has been the aim of the author (1) to present. those points which the ordinary student would find of the greatest praotical value; (2) to present them in as definite and clear a manner as possible; and (3) to select such examples as would most strikingly illustrate the points made. In carrying out this plan a free use has been made of all former treatments of Syntax. To those named above the writer is under deepest obligation; much of value has also been found in Nordheimer and Gesenius. In most cases where material peculiar to a particular writer is used, special credit has been given. It has been impossible, however, to decide in every case to whom the credit belonged. For all material, not especially credited, a general acknowledgment is hereby made. It should be added, that in the selection of examples for illustration, and of the texts cited under "References for Study," preference has been given to those passages which have always been used by grammarians. It has been an interesting fact to note in how many cases the same texts have been employed by several writers.

So far as concerns the plan of presentation, some improvement, it is believed, has been made upon former methods. The *facts* are first given; the phrase or sentence is quoted and translated, and in order that the student may determine for himself its full force from the context, the book, chapter, and verse containing it are cited. In the treatment of "Verbal Government and Apposition," "The Sentence," and "Kinds of Sentences," the examples have been given in the unpointed text, in order that the pupil might be compelled to give them more careful study. The work of pronouncing the texts thus printed combines with the study of Syntax also a drill in Etymology.

Following the facts, and based upon them, are the *principles*. By means of a carefully arranged tabulation the various statements of principles correspond exactly to the facts cited, and no inconvenience will be found in passing from one to the other.

Under "Remarks," additional details, interesting comparisons, and important exceptions are given. The arrangement of this material is intended to make it easily accessible.

The most important, and likewise the most practical, feature of the work is included under "References for Study." Of what permanent value is the memorizing of grammar? Having studied the facts and from them deduced the principles regulating these facts, the next step is application. To aid in this, the crowning part of one's work, a large number of texts, containing illustrations of the various points included under a particular subject are given; these texts are arranged in the order of their occurrence in the Hebrew Bible, and in the case of each text that particular subdivision of the main section to which it belongs is indicated. This arrangement not only makes it possible to read a large number of texts in a comparatively short time, but also breaks up the monotony which ensues upon the examination of several texts covering exactly the same point.

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The study of Syntax by this plan combines (1) the exceptical study of the illustrations cited, (2) the mastery of the principles taught, (3) the translation and interpretation, in connection with the context, of a number of texts, and (4) in certain portions also the pronunciation of the unpointed text. The student may be required to translate beforehand only the texts cited from prophetical and poetical portions, these being the most difficult; the texts taken from the historical portions may with great advantage be read at sight.

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The author would express the hope that this work may meet the approval of the many teachers who are now using his other Hebrew textbooks, and that in their hands it may prove efficient in aiding to a better knowledge of the Old Testament.

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# SYNTAX

#### I. The Noun.

### 1. THE NOUN, USED COLLECTIVELY.

1. בקר oxen; נאן floek; עם people; און nation.

2. איש a tree,1 trees;2 עיש a man,3 men;4 החיה a beast,5 beasts.6

3. גֹלָה caravan;<sup>7</sup> אָרָחָ traveler;<sup>8</sup> גֹלָה band of exiles;<sup>9</sup> מו exile.

4. אניה fleet;11 אניה ship;12 אני hair;13 שערה a hair.14

Collective nouns, that is, nouns which are singular in form, but plural in sense, may be classified as follows :—a

1. Those which *always* express a collective idea, the corresponding individual idea being a different word.

2. Those which are used sometimes in an individual, sometimes in a collective sense.<sup>b</sup> c

3. Those whose feminine form is collective,<sup>d</sup> while, often, the corresponding masculine form is individual.

4. Those whose masculine form is collective, while the corresponding feminine is, generally, individual.

#### REMARKS.

(a) The very frequent occurrence of collective expressions in Hebrew is in accord with the extreme simplicity of the language.

(b) Here are included the numerous cases in which words, for the most part or even always used of individuals in *prose*, have a collective sense in *poetry*; there are, indeed, few nouns which may not be thus used.

(c) Adjectives, used as substantives, have frequently a collective sense.

(d) Compare with this use of the feminine, its employment in abstract nouns.

 1 Gen. 2:9; Ps. 1:3.
 6 Gen. 1:25.
 11 1 Kgs. 9:26, 27.

 2 Gen. 1:11; Ps. 74:5.
 7 Gen. 37:25.
 12 Jon. 1:3, 5.

 3 Gen. 4:1.
 8 Judg. 19:17.
 13 Judg. 16:22.

 4 Isa. 21:0.
 9 Ezr. 1:11.
 14 Judg. 20:16; cf. also 1 Sam.

 5 Gen. 37:20.
 10 2 Sam. 15:19.
 14:45.

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Gen. 1:26, 28 (דְרָנָה), cf. Jon. 2:1 (רֶנָ)3	Isa. 16:4 (רמס)
Gen. 9:13 (ענוה), cf. Job 3:5 (ענו)4	Jer. 6:6 (עצה) [cf. אין]3
Gen. 32:9 (בּליטה), cf. Gen. 45:73	Ezek. 11:6 (דולל)2
Ex. 1:10 (מלהמה)	Mic. 7:8, 10 (איבה)3
	Nah. 2:5 (רכב)2
Ex. 15:19 (CIC)	Zeph. 3:19 (צל עה)3
2 Sam. 15:23 (הארץ)2	Ps. 45:13 (כני צר = כת צר) 3
	Ps. 66:4 (הארין)2
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	Dan. 9:24 (CC)), cf. Deut. 18:15, 182
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#### 2. GENDER OF NOUNS.

- 1. בישה man; בשר son; בשר flesh; ועשה luminary.
  - a. אבנים שלמות יל cf. אבנים שלמות whole stones.
  - b. אָלוף dead (f.); אָרָב שָׁבוּל a bear robbed of her young; אָלוף sow.
  - c. אָכָהָם <sup>6</sup> they (f.); מָכָה מָכָה מָכָה גָרָכָם to, from, with you (f.); אָרָהָם <sup>8</sup> they two (f.); אָרָהָם <sup>9</sup> your (f.) father: אֹהָהָם<sup>10</sup> them (f.); וועאֹרָם their (f.) flock.
- - b. אַכָּה metropolis (cf. אָם); (אָם edge (cf. אָכָה); יְרָכָה inder part (cf. יְרָכָה); יְרָכָה יְרָקָה; יְרָכָה); יְשָׁרְעָה ighteousness; יְשָׁרְעָה deliverance; יְרָכָה; חַבָּלָה preacher; אָרְקָה caravan; רְהָלֶה exiles; אַרְקָה a ship; a ship; a hair.
  - c. ימִצְרַיִם Tyre; ימִצְרַיַם Syria; אַרָם <sup>14</sup> Moab; ימִצְרַיַם Egypt.
    הַתָּיָם, אַמָרָי, אַרַח, הַיָרָר, אַרַח, הַבָּרָר, אַיַר, אַבָר, אַרָר, הַבָּל, אָרָרָי, הַיָּטָן, אָשָׁאוֹל, קַיָרָן, אָיָרָ, אָרָר, אַרַח, הַבָּטָן, אָשׁוֹל, קַרָן, אָשָׁוֹל, אָדָרַי, גַעַין, אָדָר, הַבָּטון, אָדַר, גַעָל, אָרָדָין, גַעַין, אָדַר, אַדַר, אָרַר, אַרָר, אַרָר, אַרָר, אָרָד, אָרָר, אַרָר, אָרָר, אַרָר, אָרָר, אָרָר, אַרָר, אָרָר, אַרָר, אַרַר, אַרָר, אַרָר, אַרָר, אַריע, אַריע, אַרע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַרע, אַרע, אין, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַרי, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַריע, אַרע, אַרע, אַריע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרען, אַרע, אַרע, אַרען, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרען, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַרע, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעןע, אַעַען, אַען, אַעען, אַ אַעןען, אַעעןען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעעען, אַעען, אַעעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעעען, אַעעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעען, אַעעען, אַעעןען, אַעעען, אַעעןען, אַ

11 Ex. 2:17.
 12 Isa. 23:15.
 13 2 Sam. 10:11.
 14 Jer. 48:4, 9.
 15 Joel 4:19.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:16.
 <sup>6</sup> Ruth 1:22.

 <sup>2</sup> Deut. 27:6.
 <sup>7</sup> Ruth 1:8, 9, 11, 13.

 <sup>3</sup> Gen. 23:4.
 <sup>8</sup> Ruth 1:19.

 <sup>4</sup> Hos. 13:8, cf. 2 Kgs. 2:24.
 <sup>9</sup> Gen. 31:9.

 <sup>6</sup> Ps. 144:14.
 <sup>10</sup> Gen. 41:23.

 \* Also used individually, Deut. 4:18; Jon, 2:2.

3. a. אַרַע <sup>5</sup>יִמָה־זֹאָת that which is good; אַבָה אָרַע <sup>5</sup>יִמַה־זֹאָת יַמוֹם.<sup>4</sup>
 b. הַשּׁרָת אֹרָם <sup>5</sup> all that befell them; הַשְּׂרָת אֹרָם hard things.<sup>6</sup>

1. Under masculine nouns are included the names of male beings, and, with the exception of those referred to below under 2. a and c, all nouns without a distinctively feminine ending. It is to be noted that

a. In masculines which have plurals in  $\neg \uparrow$  (and likewise, in feminines which have plurals in  $\Box \uparrow \_$ ), this termination does not affect the gender.<sup>a</sup>

b. In some instances, a masculine form occurs where the sense, and rarely also the construction, demands a feminine; and this, sometimes, when a feminine form is in existence.

c. In the case of pronouns and pronominal suffixes the masculine, instead of the feminine, often occurs as being the primary form, or as being superior to the feminine and including it.

#### REMARKS.

(a) There are exceptions to this; cf. נשים (Gen. 7:13); משכנות (Ps. 84:2).

(b) The feminine rarely so occurs for the masculine; both irregularities may be attributed, in many cases, to colloquial inaccuracy, or to carelessness on the part of the writer.

2. Under feminine nouns are included three classes :

a. Nouns which refer to female beings; of these

- (1) some are distinguished from corresponding masculines by having an entirely distinct form;
- (2) some are so distinguished by the addition of a feminine termination;
- (3) some (called *epicene*) are so distinguished only by the construction, both masculine and feminine forms being the same.<sup>a</sup>

b. Nouns which do not refer to female beings, yet have a feminine termination; here belong

- (1) nouns designating things without life;<sup>b</sup>
- (2) nouns indicating abstract ideas<sup>c</sup> or official designations;<sup>d</sup>
- (3) nouns used collectively<sup>e</sup> (§ 1. 3), or individually (§ 1. 4).

c. Nouns which neither imply distinction of sex, nor have a feminine termination, but are always construed as feminine; here belong

- (1) names of countries, cities, towns; fgh
- (2) common nouns designating countries, localities, limited space, points of compass, etc.;

1 Gen. 2:17.	<sup>3</sup> Gen. 3:13.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 42:29.
2 1 Sam. 24:18.	4 Gen. 24:14.	6 Gen. 42:7, 30.

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- (3) names of members of the body, especially those which are double; i
- (4) names of instruments, utensils, powers of nature.<sup>j</sup>

3. There being in Hebrew no separate designation of the *neuter*, there is used in place of it,

a. When the word is singular, either a masculine or feminine form.

b. When the word is *plural*, generally a feminine form (except in poetry).

#### REMARKS.

(a) Certain species of animals are treated as masculine, because regarded as strong; others as feminine, because regarded as weak; cf. בלב dog, בלב wolf; but isolf; but isolf: not in stork.

(b) These are really *neuter*, the signification passing, in many eases, from something living, to that which is without life.

(c) So adjectives, when used as neuter substantives, assume the feminine form.

(d) Compare our abstract terms "Lordship," "Majesty," "Excellency," etc.

(e) Collectives without a feminine ending are often treated as feminines; cf. Ex. 8:2, 13, 14; 16:13; 2 Sam. 24:9.

(f) These are treated as "mothers" or "nurses" of the inhabitants; cf. בני ציון Ps. 149:2, also the word *metropolis*.

(g) When these words refer to the inhabitants, they are construcd as masculine.

(h) It is common, in poetry, to personify nations, countries and cities, as female beings; cf. Isa. 47:1; 50:1; Lam. 1:1.

(i) Some of these also appear, at times, as masculine; always masculine are אך nose, אך torchead, און nose, נעות torchead, צואר tail.

(j) The exceptions to the principles here given are very numerous, great variation existing in the usage of the language.

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Gen. 1:16 (ממשלה)	Isa. 31:5 (צפור)
Gen. 20:12 (אחות)2a.	Jer. 7:18 1a.
Gen. 22:24 (פילגש)2a.	Jer. 49:17 (ארם)2c.
Gen. 24:43 (עלמה)2a.	Amos 3:103a.
Ex. 1:21 (להם)1 <i>c</i> .	Zech. 5:10 (המה)1c.
Ex. 7:17 (cf. Isa. 7:7)	Ps. 1:6 (דרך)2 <i>c</i> .
Ex. 9:29, 33; 15:51a.	Ps. 12:4 (גרלות)
Ex. 29:9 (כהנה)2b.	Ps. 22:29 (מלוכה)2b.
Lev. 5:7 (תור)1b.	Ps. 42:2 (איל) 1b.
1 Sam. 9:24 (שוק)2c.	Ps. 45:53b.
1 Sam. 10:9 (ef. Josh. 24:17)1a.	Ps. 45:10 (שנל)2a.
1 Sam. 17:6 (כצחה)2b.	Ps. 77:171a.
2 Sam. 19:27 (חמור)1b.	Ps. 102:8 (צפור)2a.
1 Kgs. 11:5 (אלהים)1b.	Prov. 8:63b.
	Prov. 8:30 (אמון)1c.
Isa. 7:6 (יהורה)2c.	Job 1:14 (ידיהם)1c.
	Job 42:151a.
Isa. 10:141a.	Neh. 6:12 (נבואה)2b.

## 3. NUMBER.

1. a. אָתֹת days; כְּוֹעָרִים seasons; אָתֹת faces of; אֹתֹת signs.

b. אָרָחָה caravan; אָרָחָה fleet. [heart.

- c. ילב ולב גיש ואיש ואיש fevery man; גבים גבים לאיש ואיש ואיש double
- a. מַוְחָתִיוֹת heavens; פְנִים face, surface; שׁמַיִם water; אַמָן מוֹם lower parts of the earth.
  - b. אָקָרָים <sup>9</sup> virginity; יּבְים <sup>10</sup> loveliness; יְנְעוּרִים <sup>11</sup> childhood;
  - c. אָרֹהָים; God; הְרָשִׁים אָרֹגָי Holy; אָרֹגָי Lord; הְמָמוֹת hippopota-
- 3. אַץ silver, silver; גַקָּסָפִים <sup>15</sup> pieces of silver; גַקָ tree, גַעָץ <sup>16</sup> wood. [mus.
   גַקָּרָים<sup>17</sup> talents, גַּבְּרָוֹת <sup>18</sup> loaves; גַּבְּרָים<sup>19</sup> footsteps, גַּבְּרָוֹת (artif.).
- 4. אָבוֹת אָבוֹת heroes of valor; אָבוֹת אָבוֹת ב<sup>22</sup> families; גּבּוֹי חַיָל sons of God; גַּבְּנֵי אָלִים <sup>24</sup> their idol-houses.
- 5. a. גַעַלַים ears; נַעַלַים nostrils; קיאונים pair of seales, גַעַלַים sandals.
   b. בּיַן הַרַים period of two days; בּכָּכָרַים two talents; בּיַן הַרַים fwo; c. אַכָּיַן two; c. אַכָּלָים bergin double; אַלְפָיַם bergin two; c. גַעַלַים bergin two; c. גַעַלַים bergin two; bergin double; אַלַפָּיַם fwo thousand.
  - 1. The *plural-idea* is indicated in one of three ways :-
    - a. By means of plural affixes (أبر, '\_, ', ', ).
    - b. By means of words which have a collective signification (§ 1.).

c. By the repetition of a word with or without a connective<sup>a</sup> (§ 6. 3).

a. Portions of space or time, "their unity being regarded as a compound of an immense number of single particles or dates."

b. Abstract ideas, the particular quality or condition contained in the stem being thus heightened or intensified; b c closely connected with these are

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:14.	11 Gen. 46:34.	20 Ex. 25:12.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 1:14.	<sup>12</sup> Eccl. 1:17, 2:12.	21 1 Chrou. 7:2, 9.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 1:2.	13 Hos. 12:1.	<sup>22</sup> Num. 1:2.
4 Gen. 1:14.	14 Job 40:15.	23 Ps. 29:1.
<sup>6</sup> Ps. 87:5.	15 Gen. 42:25.	24 1 Sam. 31:9.
6 2 Kgs. 3:16.	16 Gen. 22:3.	25 Ex. 16:29.
7 Ps. 12:3.	17 2 Kgs. 5:23.	<sup>26</sup> 2 Kgs. 5:23.
<sup>8</sup> Isa. 44:23.	18 Judg. 8:5.]	27 Gen. 24:10.
9 Lev. 21:13.	<sup>19</sup> Ps. 119:133.	28 Job 11:6.
10 Prov 5.19.		

c. Ideas of power and greatness, in which the plural magnifies or increases the original idea.<sup>d c</sup>

3. The *plural form* of certain nouns often conveys a different shade of meaning from the singular; and, further, the *feminine* plural of a noun is sometimes used in a different sense from the *masculine* plural f

4. The *pluralizing* of compound ideas is accomplished either by pluralizing the first of two nouns, or the second, or both.

5. The dual was, in use, limited to

 $\alpha$ . Things which in nature exist in pairs, g or are made double by art.

b. Objects which are regarded as going together, especially measures of time or quantity.

c. A few numerals, and anomalous forms.<sup>h</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) This repetition indicates in some cases *entirety*; in others, *distribution*; in still others, *multitude*, or *diversity*.

(b) It is important to note the elose connection, (1) between the abstract and the collective, both being frequently expressed by the feminine; and (2) between the abstract and the plural, the latter expressing in its totality that quality which is common to all the units of which it is composed.

(e) The plural form of abstracts often expresses "a high degree of a given quality or repeated exhibitions and embodiments of it."

(d) The use of this plural (called *the plural of majesty*) is limited to a few words and in construction these words are generally treated as singular.

(c) Compare the plurals in the mouth of God, e. g. Gen. 1:26; 11:7; Isa. 6:8.

(f) In poetry feminine plurals are found instead of masculine, without any difference of meaning.

(g) The names of double members of the body often have a *feminine plural* termination instead of a dual, but only when they have been transferred to inanimate objects.

(h) Irregular are (1) שְׂפָתוֹת instead of שְׁפָתוֹת (Ps. 45:3; Is. 59:3); (2) שׁמֹתְיָם two walls (2 Kgs. 25:4), and (3) שְׁמֹתְיָם deck [double] (Ezek. 27:5).

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Gen. 2:9 (מיים)2b.	Gen. 49:13 (מים)2a.
	Ex. 8:10 (המרם המרם)1c.
Gen. 11:10 (שנתים) 5b.	Ex. 9:32 (הטה)3
Gen. 11:23 (מאתים)5e.	Ex. 16:12 (ערבים)5b.
	Ex. 26:17 (ידות)
Gen. 21:2 (זקנים)2b.	Ex. 29:12 (קרנות)
	Ex. 29:36 (בפרים)2b.
	Lev. 12:5 (שבעים)
	Lev. 23:40 (כפות)
	Num. 5:15 (קנאות)2b,
	Deut. 3:5 (דלתים)
	Deut. 8:8 (שערה)3
	Deut. 12:23 (D)

Deut. 24:6 (ררזים)	Jer. 12:13 (""")	3
	Joel 4:14	
Deut. 32:7 (רור דור)וc.	Zech. 3:9 (שבעה ענים)נשבעה נים)נ	sa.
Deut. 32:7 (ימות)3	Ps. 5:7 (דמים)	
Judg. 5:221b.	Ps. 68:18 (רבותים)	5c.
1 Sam. 19:13 (תרפים)2c.	Ps. 90:10 (שנות)	3
1 Sam. 19:16 (מראשות)2a.	Ps. 90:10 (גבורות)	2Ъ.
1 Sam. 23:7 (כני ימיני) 4	Prov. 20:10	1c.
1 Kgs. 7:49 (מלקחים)5a.	Prov. 28:6 (דרכים)	5b.
2 Kgs. 17:29 (בית הבמות)4	Job 16:19 (מרומים)	2a.
Isa. 1:3 (בעלים)2c.	Cant. 5:5 (כפות)	5a.
Isa. 6:2 (שש כנפים)5a.		
Isa. 7:20 (רנלים) 5 <i>a</i> .		
Isa. 11:12 (כנפות)		
Isa. 19:4 (ארנים)2c.		
Isa. 43:22 (בתי כלאים)4	1 Chron. 7:5 (גב׳ חילים)	4
Isa. 49:20 (שכלים)	1 Chron. 12:33	1c.
Isa. 54:5 (עשיך)2c.		

### 4. DETERMINATION OF NOUNS.

- 1. a. שָרָה Egypt; חָבָרוֹן Hebron; שָרָה Sarah; מאָרָים abyss.
  - b. היום הזה this; גני ? who? בני my son; but זה I; היום הזה
- 2. a. אָשֶׁת אָבְרָם the house of God; בְּנֵי אָשֶׁת אַבְרָם the wife of Abram; בְּנֵי וּשָׁרָאָל
  - b. יְעָנִי עָכִוי the affliction of my people; יְאָנִי עָכִוי אָבְטִיכָם the heads of your tribes. [war.

c. אַנִשִׁי הַמִּלְחָמָה the name of the place; אַנִשִׁי הַמָּלְחָמָה <sup>4</sup> the men of

1. Certain nouns are in their very nature definite, and require no sign to indicate their definiteness; these are

a. Proper names which were not originally appellatives, and words in which the appellative force, originally existing, has almost or entirely been lost.<sup>a</sup>

b. All pronouns (except the Demonstrative when attributive), and pronominal suffixes.<sup>b c d</sup>

2. Nouns may become definite (or determinate) by position or construction,<sup>e</sup> as in the case of

- a. Nouns in the construct state before a proper noun.
- b. Nouns in the construct state before a noun with a suffix.
- c. Nouns in the construct state before a noun with the article.

1 Ex. 3:7. 2 D	Deut. 1:15. 3 Gen	. 28:19. 4 Deut. 2:14.
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#### REMARKS.

(a) In many cases the usage varies; e. g. גלער (Num. 32:1), הגלעד (Gen. 31:21 ff.). (b) A noun with a suffix is definite and does not receive the article; exceptions are seen in Lev. 27:23; Josh. 7:21; 8:33; 2 Kgs. 15:16; Mic. 2:12.

(c) The Infinitive, being essentially a verbal form, never receives the article; דינת *knowledge*, really a substantive is an exception (as in Gen. 2:9, 17).

(d) The following words, archaic and poetic, never receive the article: (1) אָאַל הַ God, (2) קבל *field*, (3) אָרָי *field*, (4) שָׁרַי *the Almighty*, (5) שׁוּלי *underworld*, (6) *world*, (7) *world*, (7) הָרוֹם (7)

(c) Every noun in a chain of several constructs is definite, provided the last noun in the chain is for any reason (§ 4.1. *a*. *b*) definite.

- 3. a. הַפַּעָם this night; הַכַּעָם this time.
  - b. הַהָּרָכְיִשָׁר the expanse; הַהַרָכָה<sup>5</sup> the ark; הְרָכְיַשָׁר<sup>6</sup> the woman;
    "וווייי לא הַלַך וגויי הַאָישׁ אַשֶׁר לא הַלַך וגוייי וווייי
    the man who hath not walked, etc.
    אָת־הַמַאַכָּלֶת
    s the fire and the knife (required for the sacrifice).
  - c. אָת־הָרָהַכוּם וְאָת־הָרַהַטּיּ<sup>9</sup> the horses and the chariots (of the enemy).
    קום הצעיף
  - d. יוּהַכְּנַעֲנִי the sword devours; אָכָל הַתְרָב הַחָרָב הַיָּבָעַנִי וּהַכְּנַעֲנִי זוּ the sword devours; הַאָּשֶׁר הַעֲשָׁיָנָה הַדְּברִים<sup>13</sup> like oxen; הַדְברִים<sup>14</sup> as bees do; הַיָּשָׁיָרָה הַזְּברִים<sup>15</sup> slime....for mortar; הַמָּרָים<sup>16</sup> gold; הַהַשָּׁרִים<sup>18</sup> truth blindness; הַשָּׁרִים<sup>18</sup> truth and peace.
  - e. יהַבָּיָת <sup>21</sup> the house; יְהָאָרוֹן<sup>20</sup> the ark; הַבָּיָת <sup>21</sup> the God. סיב הַבָּעַל 1<sup>22</sup> O heaven! יב הַבָּעַל 0 Spirit! הַהָּאָרָץ the heaven; יהַבָּעַל<sup>25</sup> the heaven; יּשָׁבָיִים<sup>25</sup> the heaven; ישָׁבָיִים<sup>25</sup> the heaven; הַיְרָדֵץ Lebanon (= the white); הַיִּרְדֵץ Jordan (= the descender).

Gen. 4:14.
 Gen. 19:5.
 Gen. 29:35.
 Gen. 29:35.
 Gen. 6:14.
 Ex. 2:9.
 Ps. 1:1.
 Gen. 22:6.
 1 Kgs. 20:21.
 Gen. 24:65.
 Gen. 13:7.

12 2 Sam. 11:25. 13 Isa. 11:7. 14 Deut. 1:44. 15 Gen. 11:3. 16 Gen. 2:11. 17 Gen. 19:11. 18 Zeeh. 8:19. 19 Mic. 3:12. 20 Ex. 25:14. 21 Gen. 5:22. 22 Deut. 32:1. 23 1 Kgs. 18:26. 24 Ezek. 37:9. 25 Gen. 1:1. 20 Gen. 15:12. 27 Gen. 1:1. 28 1 Kgs. 5:20,23. 29 Gen. 13:10. 30 Gen. 2:11. 31 Ps. 125:1. 32 Gen. 18:21. 33 Josh. 10:24. 3. Nouns, not determinate *in themselves* or *by position*, may be made determinate by prefixing the article. The article, as thus employed, may be classified and named as follows :--

a. The *demonstrative*, which was the original use, but is now found only in a few stock expressions.

b. The *objective*, including those cases in which the article occurs with an object or person,

- (1) which has just been described in the narrative; or
- (2) which is described by words (particularly, a relative clause) which immediately follow; or
- (3) which is defined more or less closely by the circumstances involved in the particular case.

c. The subjective, used with nouns which, though in no way described, are definite in the writer's mind and, consequently, supposed to be so in the mind of the reader.<sup>a</sup>

d. The generic, used with words which describe a class of objects, or several objects of a class; here may be noted,

- the more general use of the generic article "with a common appellative, which is used collectively to denote all, or an indefinite number of, the individuals belonging to it;"
- (2) its special use in *comparisons*, when the object compared is taken as a class and not as an individual;
- (3) its special use, also with nouns of material and class-nouns, which are generally known and employed in a general sense;<sup>b</sup>
- (4) its special use with *abstract nouns*, employed in their widest significance.

e. The distinctive, used to convey the idea of pre-eminence, as when

- (1) a particular object, of a certain class, is made to have a preeminence over all other objects in that class; or
- (2) a noun in the vocative is, by its use, made more pointed; or
- (3) a particular object or individual is emphasized as being the only one in a class; or
- (4) a proper name, originally an appellative, continues to retain the article which it first received because it was regarded (see (1) above) as the chief member of its class (cf. § 4. 1. a).<sup>c</sup>

f. The *relative*, which, when prefixed to the participle (and, rarely, to a finite form), has the general force of a relative pronoun.

#### **REMARKS.**

(a) In these cases the idea may often be well expressed by the employment of an unemphatic possessive pronoun.

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(h) With this may be compared cases like הפליט (Gen. 14:13), הארי (I Sam. 17:34), (I Sam. 17:34), כמקנה בככך ובוהב (Gen. 13:2), in which the individual, though really indeterminate, is to be represented as being made definite by the context.

(e) In the case of many such nouns the usage varies.

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Gen. 2:11	1 Kgs. 8:1; 20:152
Gen. 13:2; 14:13; 15:11; 41:423d.	1 Kgs. 20:21
Gen. 16:7; 28:192	2 Kgs. 18:152
Gen. 24:65, 66; 26:83b.	Isa. 1:18; 10:14; 22:18; 29:21; 40:31; 42:13
Gen. 21:3	49:18 3 <i>d</i> .
Gen. 30:15, 203a.	Isa. 9:2
Gen. 31:21 (הנהר)3e.	Isa. 9:12; 27:6; 28:163f.
Gen. 47:313c.	Isa, 10:2, 12
Ex. 2:14, 15; 3:2, 5; 7:18, 213b.	Jer. 13:1, 23b.
Ex. 2:15; 3:2	Jer. 46:9
Ex. 8:1	Hos. 14:6, 7, 83d.
Ex. 9:273a.	JocI 1:14 (הארין)
Ex. 20:12; 21:5; 22:3	Mic. 4:9
Num. 14:45; 21:23; 23:14, 283e.	Zech. 3:1 (השטן)
Num. 22:323e.	Zech. 3:5
Deut. 2:4	Zech. 3:8
Deut. 4:1; 21:3, 4; 22:19	Zech. 8:193d.
Deut. 8:14	Mal. 2:5
Josh. 4:19; 12:2, 5, 93e.	Ps 19:11; 103:4; 104:3
Josh. 15:47 (הים)3e.	Ps. 49:15
1 Sam. 1:3	Job 5:103f.
1 Sam. 12:17	Job 28:12
1 Sam. 17:343d.	Eccl. 3:17; 10:18
2 Sam. 14:43e.	Ezra 8:25; 10:14, 173f.
2 Sam. 19:273b.	1 Chron. 26:28
1 Kgs. 1:473c.	

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Num. 31:49.
 Jer. 28:9.
 Ex. 1:6.
 Ezck. 45:16.
 Ex. 13:2.

6 Lev. 19:23.
7 Judg. 3:15.
8 1 Sam. 17:58.
9 Gen. 1:16.
10 Gen. 15:1.

Gen. 2:2.
 Gen. 19:33.
 Ex. 29:3.
 Judg. 13:2.
 I Kgs. 20:13.

# 4. אָתָה בַקר kings of the earth; אָתָה בַקר יאָרָץ the morning comes.

1. An idea, expressed by means of two nouns in the construct relation, is made definite by prefixing the article to the second noun.<sup>a b</sup> Worthy of notice, however, is

- a. (1) The use of the article after , when this word means all or whole.
  - (2) The absence of the article after 5, when it means any or every.<sup>c</sup>
- b. The use of the article with the second part of a compound word.

2. An adjective or demonstrative pronoun, connected attributively with a definite noun, must be marked as definite by having the article prefixed.<sup>d</sup>

4. The article may be omitted in poetry, when in prose it would be required; this omission is explained by the brevity, vividness and emphasis characteristic of poetic style.

#### REMARKS.

(a) When the first of two nouns expressing one idea is to be marked as indefinite, a construction with the preposition i is employed (§ 9. 5).

(b) On the occurrence of the article with the *first* of two nouns in the construct relation, see § 9. 2.

(e) Compare the similar usage of  $\pi \dot{a} \zeta$  all or every.

(d) There are not a few exceptions to this, the article being sometimes omitted from the noun, sometimes from the attributive.

(c) This numeral is sometimes found in the construct relation with the noun which it limits (cf. Job 2:10); its use with things is more rare than with persons

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Gen. 1:31; 10:12; 19:25; 28:19; 30:16;	1 Sam. 2:23; 14:29; 17:122
32:23	2 1 Sam. 16:181b.
Gen. 7:21; 26:4	a. 2 Sam. 6:3; 12:42
Gen. 23:19	1 Kgs. 19:43
Ex. 20:41	a. Isa. 1:5; 13:7; 28:24 1a.
Lev. 7:27; 14:451	a. Isa. 10:1; 24:124
Num. 9:7	Neh. 1:54
Num. 35:23 1	a. Hab. 1:4
Deut. 1:35; 9:6; 11:7	Zech. 14:15
Deut. 11:12	Ps. 12:8
Josh. 3:131	a. Ps. 72:17; 148:10
	b. Job 9:24
	Dan. 8:3, 133
<sup>1</sup> Ps. 2:2. <sup>2</sup> Isa. 21:12.	

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#### 6. APPOSITION OF NOUNS.

- 1. a. הַבְּרָל הַבְּרָל וֹתַבָּרָר הַבְּרָלֶשֶׁת ז' the oxen the brass = the brazen oxen; הַכָּבוּל בּבוּל ביבוּל ביבוּל ביבויל מונית ביבויל ביבוילים ביבויל ביבוילים ביבוים ביבויבוילים ביבוילים ביבוילים ביבוילים ביבוים ביבוילים ביבויבו
  - b. אָמָרִים שָׁלַמִים words, truth = true words; אַמָרִים אָמָר.
  - c. דווי להארץ כנען the land (of) Canaan; הארץ כנען the river Euphrates
  - d. אָשָׁה אָלְכָנָה a woman, a widow; דְשָׁא עָשָׁב אָלְכָנָה a woman, a widow; ד שא געשר אַל
  - e. שנתים למשנתים ימים days, a number; שנתים מכפר two years, time.
- 2. אָיָם הָמָים יִזְמָים יוּזי three seahs, meal; אָלשָׁה יָמִים הַמָּמָח <sup>11</sup> three seahs, meal; גענים <sup>12</sup> a triad, days. שבע שנים seven years; איפה שערים <sup>14</sup> an ephah, barley.
- a. גְבָהָה גְבַהָה גָבַהָה גָבַהָה אוgh degree, high degree; הְבָהָה גְבַהָה גְבַהָה מָאָר מָאָר מָאָר מָאָר מָאָר מָאָר מָזּר.
   generation.
  - b. מושבעה שבעה seven; יקר דר from generation to
  - c. גָבָים גָבָים אור מינג מאוי מינג מאוי מינג מארת בארת נגרים גבים מוויב ארת בארת בארת נגרים מוויב ארת בארת בארת בארת.
  - d. רול נהרפרת <sup>21</sup> the great river, the river Euphrates.

Apposition, because of a scarcity of adjectives, and a desire for brevity, is of much more frequent occurrence, and of far wider range in Hebrew, than in languages generally. The various kinds of apposition may be grouped as follows:—

1. Cases in which the *first* of two nouns contains the principal idea, the second being added for fuller explanation.<sup>*a b*</sup> Here belong the instances in which

a. The first noun denotes a *thing*, the second, the *material* of which that thing is composed.

b. The first noun denotes a thing, the second, a quality of it.

c. The first noun denotes a person or thing, the second, its name.

d. The first noun denotes a *genus*, the second, a *species*; or the second gives a more precise idea than the first.

e. The first noun denotes a thing, the second, the number, weight, or measure of it.<sup>d e</sup>

- 1 2 Kgs. 16:17. 2 Gen. 6:17. 3 Prov. 22:21. 4 Ex. 24:5.
- 5 Num. 34:2.
- 61 Chron. 5:9.
- 7 2 Sam. 14:5

Deut. 4:27.
Gen. 41:1.
Gen. 18:6.
Sam. 30:12.
Gen. 5:7.

8 Gen. 1:12.

14 Ruth 2:17.

<sup>15</sup> Gen. 17:2.
 <sup>16</sup> I Sam. 2:3.
 <sup>17</sup> Gen. 7:2.
 <sup>18</sup> Ex. 17:16.
 <sup>19</sup> Gen. 14:10.
 <sup>20</sup> 2 Kgs. 3:16.
 <sup>21</sup> Gen. 15:18.

#### § 6.]

#### REMARKS.

(a) Where the first noun is definite, and the second indefinite, the latter may be regarded as an accusative of limitation (cf. § 40. 2); cf. 1 Chron. 28:18; Ps. 71:7; Hab. 3:8: Lev. 26:42; Jer. 33:2.

(h) The appositional relation is, at times, so loose that one or more words may stand between the nouns thus connected.

(c) Sometimes the "name" is the first noun (Isa. 37:2); if the "name" is the second noun and a preposition stands before the first, the preposition must be repeated before the second (Gen. 24:4; cf. Gen. 22:20).

(d) For all these cases, there are parallel cases in which, by the introduction of a copula, a complete sentence is formed; cf. Gen. 1:2; 11:1; 14:10; 47:9; Ex. 9:31; Deut. 33:6; 2 Sam. 17:3; Isa, 5:12; 19:11; Jer. 24:2; Ezek. 45:11; Ps. 23:5; 45:9; 110:3.

(c) While nouns like  $\supset all$ , w, there is, and  $\uparrow w$ , there is not generally stand in the construct relation with what follows, they sometimes stand in apposition with a following, and rarely with a preceding, noun.

2. Cases in which the second word conveys the principal idea, the first marking the measure, weight, or number of  $it^{ab}$ 

3. Cases in which the first word is simply repeated. [Here belong those instances in which the second word is a *pronoun* repeating a preceding *noun*, or a *noun* repeating a preceding *pronoun* (whether expressed, or implied in a verbal form) (see (11.1.a).] The appositional repetition serves

a. To express emphasis, intensity.

b. To express distribution, entirety.

c. To express multitude.

d. To afford an opportunity for the addition of a new idea without rendering the construction faulty.<sup>c</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) In the great majority of cases under this head, the construct relation may be employed (§ S. 2).

(c) The two constructions, apposition and annexion (i. e., the construct relation), are closely related. In the expression of many ideas the one or the other may be used according to choice. Apposition was the earlier construction, and out of it grew annexion.

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Gen. 6:17 1a.	Ex. 8:10	.3c.
Gen. 9:4; 39:1, 21d.	Ex. 9:8; 16:32	2
Gen. 10:21	Ex. 16:5; 23:30	3b.
Gen. 22:20; 24:41c.	Ex. 25:35; 36:4	3b.
Gen. 25:30; 35:143d.		
Gen. 32:17	Ex, 28:17; 39:17.	.1a.
Ex. 1:191d.		

Num. 5:152	1 Kgs. 7:12la.
Num. 7:13; 15:4, 61a.	
Num. 15:4–71c.	0
	Isa. 6:3
	Isa. 10:71e.
Num. 28:133b.	Isa. 30:201 <i>a</i> .
Deut. 2:27; 28:43 3a.	Isa. 37:21c.
Deut. 3:51a.	Jer. 7:43a.
Deut. 22:231d.	Jer. 10:10; 25:151b.
Deut. 34:5lc.	Ezek. 16:271b.
Josh. 13:5lc.	Ezek. 21:14
Judg. 5:30	Ezek. 21:32
Judg. 5:223a.	Ezek. 24:6
1 Sam. 3:1; 4:11c.	Joel 4:14
1 Sam. 25:24 3a.	Zeeh. 1:131b
2 Sam. 10:71b.	Ps. 120:21b.
2 Sam. 17:53a.	Neh. 2:111e.
2 Sam. 24:241c.	1 Chron. 9:32
1 Kgs. 4:11c.	

## 7. THE NOMINATIVE ABSOLUTE.

- גַעָלֵיה לְךָ אָהָעָרָן אוֹשָר אַהָר שׁכֵב עָלֵיה לְךָ אָהְעָנָה 1.
   the land upon which thou art lying,—to thee will I give it.
- 2. בְּיָשֶׁרְה וֹבְשָׁקָה וֹבְשָׁקָה וֹבְשָׁקָה הַיּשָׁרָק Shechem my son,—his soul hath longed for your daughter.
- קאיש מיכָה לו בית אלהים 3. הָאִיש מיכָה לו בית אלהים
   a house of God.
- 4. אני הנה בריתי אתך I-behold my covenant is with thee.
- 5. אָת-כָּל-הָאָרִין אֲשִׁר-אַתָּה רֹאָה לְךָ אֶתְנַנְה זֹם all the land which thou seest—to thee I will give it.
- הוא הַאַלהים 'G Yahuch, HE is the God; יהוה הוא הַאַלהים 'Yahuch, HE is his inheritance; הוא הַנְכָשׁ the blood, THAT is the life.
- 7. דְּאָגָשׁים הָאָצֶה שָׁלָמִים הֵם יּהְאָגָשׁים הָאָצֶה שָׁלַמִים הֵם ווחלום פּרְעָה אָחָר הוא <sup>10</sup> the dream of Pharaoh—it is one; [holy. אחר הוא <sup>11</sup> הַמָּקוֹם....קֹרָשׁ הוא

1 Gen. 28:13.	4 Gen. 17:4.	7 Deut. 10:9.	10 Gen. 41:25.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 34:8.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 13:15.	8 Deut. 12:23.	11 Josh. 5:15.
<sup>3</sup> Judg. 17:5.	6 1 Kgs. 18:39.	9 Gen. 34:21.	

## For the sake of emphasis, and for the avoidance of unwieldy sentences, a noun or pronoun is frequently placed at the beginning of the sentence with no grammatical relation to the other words of the sentence, but represented in the body of the sentence by a pronominal suffix. This noun or pronoun is said to be a Nominative Absolute. The various cases may be classified as follows :—

1. Where this nominative absolute is, logically, the object of the sentence.

2. Where it is, logically, the subject of the sentence.

3. Where it is, logically, the object of a preposition occurring farther along in the sentence.

4. Where it is a pronoun, and is, logically, the subject or object of the sentence, or a genitive after a noun.

5. Where it is preceded by  $\pi \aleph$ , the sign of the object.

6. Where, standing as the logical subject, it is resumed by the pronoun NJ, which then, though really the grammatical subject of the following predicate, is practically equivalent to a copula.

7. A similar usage to that just given, except that the pronoun follows, instead of preceding, the predicate.

Gen. 2:14, 19; 9:18 6	1 Sam. 9:13; 25:29	.5
Gen. 15:2; 42:66	1 Sam. 12:23	.4
Gen. 21:131, 5	2 Sam. 23:6	2
Gen. 24:27; 42:114	2 Kgs. 9:27	.5
Gen. 26:151	Isa. 1:7	1
Gen. 47:215	Isa. 1:13	.7
Gen. 48:7; 49:84	Isa. 9:1; 15:7	1
Gen. 30:33; 31:167	Isa. 9:14; 33:6	.6
Gen. 45:20; 47:67	Isa. 11:10; 19:17	3
Lev. 3:4	Isa. 13:17	3
Lev. 7:7, 333	Isa. 41:29	2
Deut. 2:23: 7:151	Isa. 42:3; 53:4.	1
Deut. 14:271	Isa. 49:21	7
Deut. 18:14	Isa. 51:22.	5
Deut. 32:4	Jer. 13:27	1
Deut. 33:17	Ps. 46:5	2
Josh. 5:15; 6:197	Ps. 90:10	
Josh. 9:121	Job 17:15.	
1 Sam. 3:112	Job 22:8.	
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#### 8. ANNEXION; OR THE CONSTRUCT RELATION.

- 1. a. אַר לֵב הְאָרָם <sup>1</sup> cruelty of (= done by) your hands; אַר לֵב הְאָרָם יְבִיכָם the imagination of man's heart; פַּרְקְרָכָם your fear (= which you have); לכַעשוֹ his vexation.
  - b. אָשָׁמָעַת שָׁאוּל (= done to) Lebanon; אָשְׁמָעַת שָׁאוּל report about Saul; הְתָכֶם fear of (= concerning) you; אוֹעַכַת סָרם scry concerning Sodom.
- 2. a. אישני המארת (not, two of them); ארת <sup>10</sup>שני המארת <sup>10</sup>שני לאפוים naries; אישני לאפוים<sup>10</sup> the two lumitwo peoples; אישלים הערים<sup>11</sup> the three cities.
  - נקל-הָעָץ all (of) the tree(s); געלום 14 much (of) peace;
     געל כלה enough (of) milk; cf. also וישָרָאָל כָלה 15 enough (of) milk;
  - c. וּכָּבָי יֵלֵכוּ זוֹיָדָחְטָם אויז their food is for themselves; אַכָּוּ יֵלֵכוּ יֵלֵכוּ אין presence (= I myself) shall go; עָצָם הַיוֹם הַוָּה 19 that very day; עַצָּם הַשָּׁמֵים heaven itself.
  - d. אָלָין מָלְחָטָה <sup>22</sup> without number; אָלְחָטָה <sup>22</sup> without war; אָלין מָקַפָּר <sup>24</sup> unanointed; גישָׁנָע גישָׁנָע גישָׁנָע מוּאריים unheard; אָלי-מָוָה a non-God; אַל־מָוָת<sup>24</sup> immortality; אָלא איבה<sup>26</sup> without enmity.
  - e. אָרָר יְהוָה<sup>20</sup> on the day (that) Jehovah spake. בּבְר יְהוְהַלְכֵנוּ אתָם <sup>30</sup> the days we walked with them. איָרָא the day I fear; גִשְׁבְּרָת <sup>32</sup> the time thou wast broken.

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 58:3.	11 Gen. 25:23.	21 Gen. 41:49.	31 Ps. 56:4.
2 Gen. 8:21,	12 Num. 35:14.	22 1 Kgs. 22:1.	32 Ezek, 27:34.
<sup>3</sup> Prov. 1:26.	13 Gen. 1:29.	23 Job 24:10.	33 Deut. 19:13.
4 Prov. 12:16.	14 Ps. 37:11.	24 2 Sam. 1:21.	<sup>34</sup> Zech. 14:4.
<sup>5</sup> Hab. 2:17.	15 Prov. 27:27.	<sup>25</sup> Ps. 19:4.	35 2 Kgs. 25:9.
6 2 Sam. 4:4.	162 Sam. 2:9.	<sup>26</sup> Deut. 32:5, 17, 21.	36 2 Kgs. 18:17.
7 Gen. 9:2.	17 Hos. 9:4.	27 Prov. 12:38.	37 Eccles. 8:10.
<sup>8</sup> Gen. 18:20.	18 Ex. 33:14.	28 Num. 35:22b.	38 Prov. 6:24.
9 Gen. 2:25.	19 Gen. 7:13.	29 Ex. 6:28.	39 Isa. 22:24.
10 Gen. 1:16.	<sup>20</sup> Ex. 24:10.	<sup>30</sup> 1 Sam. 25:15.	

- b. אָמָתָי קֿעָט ז' few people; אָמָי קֿגַט ז' blood shed causelessly;
  גאָלהַי מְקָרֹב a God from near; עוֹלַת הָמִיר continual offering.
- c. גָהָר פָרָת זישבט הַלָּוי the river Euphrates; ישָׁבָט הַלָּוי the tribe of Levi.
- d. אָרוֹן גַין a strong hero; אָרוֹן גַין a wooden chest; אָרָוֹן בָוֹר חַיָיל holy garments; אָרִילֵי כָכַף silver idols.
- e. בָעָל הְהַלְמׁוֹת<sup>11</sup> an eloquent man; הַבְּרִים<sup>12</sup> having dreams; אייש דְבָרִים<sup>13</sup> sons of strength; אָרָיָןיל son of a night; הוקני חַיָל (Noah was) a son of five hundred years = five hundred years old.
- f. אָבְיוֹנֵי אָרָם<sup>16</sup> the anointed of men; אָבְיוֹנֵי אָרָם<sup>17</sup> the poor of men; <sup>19</sup> a wonder of a counsellor.
- 4. a. אַכָּרָת וְלֹא מִייָן wisdom and knowledge; ישׁכָרָת וְלֹא מִייָן 2º uisdom and knowledge; אַכָּרָת וְלֹא
  - b. בתולת בתציון a woman possessed of a spirit; בתולת בתציון 22 a woman possessed of a spirit; בתולת בתציון
  - c. הכמת-מה להם whose ox have I taken? הכמת-מה להם?

That relation between two nouns which is indicated in Latin or Greek by placing the second noun in the *genitive*, is expressed in Hebrew by pronouncing the two words as one.<sup>a</sup> As a result of this, the tone passes to the second word, and the first word is, if possible, shortened. This construction may for convenience be called *annexion*.<sup>b</sup> The varieties of *annexion* may be classified as follows :—

1. Cases in which the two nouns, thus joined, contain distinct ideas of equal value; this is seen

a. When the second noun designates a person or thing which is the *subject* or possessor of that which is indicated by the preceding noun.<sup>c</sup>

b. When the second noun designates the *object* of an action or feeling expressed by the preceding noun.

#### REMARKS.

(a) The remnants of original case-endings are quite numerous (*El.* § 121. 1-3), but these remnants (except in the case of the accusative  $\exists_{\neg}$ ) no longer have any signification.

1 Deut. 26:5.	<sup>8</sup> Deut. 10:1.	14 Jon. 4:10.	20 Isa. 33:6.
<sup>2</sup> 1 Kgs. 2:31.	9 Ex. 28:2.	15 Gen. 5:32.	21 Isa. 51:21.
<sup>3</sup> Jer. 23:23.	4 10 Isa. 2:20.	16 Mie. 5:4.	22 1 Sam. 28:7.
4 Num. 28:6.	11 Ex. 4:10.	17 Isa. 29:19.	23 Isa. 37:22.
6 Gen. 15:18.	12 Gen. 37:19.	18 Gen 16:12.	24 1 Sam. 12:3.
6 Josh. 13:33.	13 Deut. 3:18.	19 Isa. 9:55.	25 Jer. 8:9.

7 Judg. 11:1.

(b) A noun with a pronominal suffix is to be regarded, syntactically, as in *annexion* with that suffix.

(c) Because of their inflexibility, proper names are seldom found in annexion with a following noun. In cases like אור כשרים *Ur (eity) of the Chaldees* (Gen. 11:28), יהוה *Jehovah (God) of hosts*, there is an ellipsis to be supplied (cf. 2 Sam. 5:10).

2. Cases in which the second of two nouns, thus joined, is the more important, the first merely indicating its number, size, nature, etc.; this is seen,

a. In the usage of numerals 2–10, which may stand in the construct state before the substantive which they number.<sup>a</sup>

b. In the usage of certain nouns, c. g., it totality, it abundance, sufficiency, which have almost come to have the force of adjectives.b

c. In the usage of certain commonly occurring nouns as "purely mental concepts," e. g.,  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  and

d. In the usage of words designating the existence or non-existence of a nominal idea; e. g., שיי there exists, אין and בלקוי non-existence (and in poetry, אין, and אל, לא and אל, לא and בד solitariness.

e. In that usage which permits a noun expressing in a general way *place*, *time*, *manner* to stand in *annexion* with a following relative clause (in which, however, the relative may be omitted).<sup>g</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) For other constructions which the numeral may have, see § 15. 1. b.

(b) In reference to  $3^{\circ}$  the following points may be noted: (1) It regularly precedes in the construct the noun it modifies (Isa. 2:2), but (2) sometimes follows with the idea of the modified noun repeated in the form of a pronominal suffix (2 Sam. 2:9); and (3) rarely occurs with the article after a preceding noun in the construct state (Isa. 29:11).

(c) For examples of this use of קاد , see Cant. 2:8; 5:2; Ps. 29:3-9 (?).

(d) The common use of (כש) with suffixes to express a reflexive idea is to be noted;
 e. g., (כש) I myself, ובש) they themselves.

(e) Compare also some of the indefinite uses of TLT thing, for which, however, see the lexicon.

(f) The use of לא and אל in poetry to form a noun with an exactly opposite meaning to that conveyed by the noun itself, is not uncommon (cf. Deut. 32:5, 17, 21; Amos 6:13).

(g) See, more in detail, § 13. 2.

3. Cases in which the *first* of two words, thus joined, is the more important, the second merely indicating its character, number, size, or contents; this is seen,

a. When the second word is an *adjective*. This use is late, and occurs chiefly in the case of a few common adjectives like בע, טוב, קטן, גרל <sup>a</sup>

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b. When the second word is an attributive word, whether noun, adverb or prepositional phrase.

c. When the second word, a proper noun, is the name of the first

d. When the second word is used "by circumlocution to describe a property of the first." This usage is very common on account of the scarcity of adjectives.

e. When the second word, a neuter or abstract noun, is joined to a preceding general noun like גָת, בָּעָל, איש, denoting possessor, origin, derivation.°

f. When the second word designates the *whole* of which the first noun is a  $part;^{f}$  or when the second word is a literal term, the first being *figurative*.<sup>d</sup>

4. Peculiar and rare is the occurrence of a construct,

a. Before the conjunction  $\gamma$  and.

b. With a noun which, in sense, is in apposition with it.

c. Before the interrogative pronoun.e

### REMARKS.

(a) The adjective in this case is really treated like a neuter noun. Compare (יְמָין the right hand, in which the word יְמָין, originally an adjective, has become a substantive.

(b) Here, of course, the appositional construction is much more common.

(c) Compare the peculiar cases of this construction seen in Isa. 5:11; Eeeles. 12:11.

(d) For eases in which three or more nouns are joined together by annexion, see Gen. 40:3; 47:9; Josh. 3:15; Judg. 9:1; Isa. 10:12.

(c) The form אָרָד (e. g., in 2 Sam. 17:22) is sometimes used as an absolute and not as a construct.

(f) On the use of the preposition  $\eta$  from to express the partitive idea, see the lexicon.

Gen. 1:161b.	Deut. 4:42; 32:62d.
Gen. 4:19; 5:8; 19:1; 22:32a.	Deut. 19:18
Gen. 7:6; 14:13; 15:3; 37:33e.	Deut. 33:1
Gen. 8:5; 24:13; 43:113f.	Deut. 33:194b.
Gen. 14:104b.	Josh. 9:132b.
Gen. 15:183c.	1 Sam. 1:16; 20:31
Gen. 17:232c.	1 Sam. 3:13
Gen. 19:4; 31:82b.	1 Sam. 5:121a.
Gen. 24:234c.	2 Sam. 16:8
Gen. 39:20; 40:3	2 Sam. 17:11
Ex. 4:13	2 Sam. 20:19
Ex. 20:9; 26:32a.	1 Kgs. 1:52; 2:26
Ex. 21:3; 24:14	1 Kgs. 21:19
Ex. 34:1; 38:303d.	Isa. 1:11
Num. 5:18	Isa. 5:9; 10:152d.

Isa. 13:41a.	Ps. 2:9; 21:4; 36:12; 45:73d.
1sa. 22:4; 41:15; 53:3	Ps. 17:8; 55:24; 72:4
1sa. 28:9	Ps. 43:12d.
Isa. 35:24 <i>a</i> .	Ps. 78:49
Isa. 46:2	Ps. 81:62e.
Jer. 22:12; 48:36	Prov. 1:7
Jer. 44:284c.	Prov. 2:19; 24:25
Jer. 48:41	Prov. 3:25; 26:2
Ezek. 1:1	Prov. 5:23
Ezek. 13:2	Prov. 10:241a.
Ezek. 26:104a.	Prov. 22:24
Ezek. 27:6; 32:10	Job 5:7; 11:2; 34:10; 41:20
Ezek. 29:2	Job 6:141b.
Hos. 1:2	Job 21:23
Hos. 3:1 1a.	Job 34:132b.
Amos 5:2	Cant. 7:10
	Eeeles. 1:133a.

# 9. ANNEXION (CONTINUED).

- a. כְּאִירֵת עִינֵים keeper of sheep; כְּאִירַת עִינֵים<sup>2</sup> enlightening the eyes;
   אָכְלִי עַכִּי אָכְלִי עַכִּי מַנּין מוּט איןוּרְדֵי עָפָר זי אָכָרָי עַכִּין אוּס go down to the dust.
  - b. אַלהִים stricken of God; אַלהִים despised by the people;
    קנַר הַכָּסָף bought with money; אָכָי הַרַכָּסָף slain by the sword.
  - c. אָרָף slow of speech; אָרָף יוּקשׁה עָרָף stiff of neck; אַרָם לֵבָב־פָּה וּיִן:<sup>11</sup> גערָק הַקָרָין א הָהָלָת הָהָלָת יוֹש dead in battle.

2. a. פני המים<sup>14</sup> face of the waters; ביתה יוֹסף<sup>15</sup> to the house of Joseph.

- b. אָבְיָבְי בְּרְבֹעַ וּהָרֵי בַגְרְבֹעַ וּהַרָי בַגְרְבֹעַ
   b. אָבָיאַי מָרְבָם <sup>16</sup> prophets out of their own heart; גָבִיאֵי מָרְבָם tains in Gilboa; וּבָיים ווּ him; הוֹהַי בוּ
   c. the right of the house.
- c. בְנִי דְוָר וְבְנִתְׁין the sons and daughters of David; אָאָלֹהֵי הַשָּׁנַיִים וַאלֹהֵי הָאָרָין the God of heaven and earth.
- d. <u>יי</u><u>יי</u><sup>21</sup> my holy hill; <u>הריקרישי</u> the good hand of his God; <u>גליאַכָנִים גָרוֹל</u> a great heap of stones.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 4:2. <sup>2</sup> Ps. 19:9. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 53:5. <sup>4</sup> Ps. 22:30. <sup>5</sup> Isa, 53:4.

6 Ps. 22:7.

7 Gen. 17:12.
8 Jer. 18:21.
9 Ex. 4:10.
10 Deut. 9:6.
11 Job 9:4.
12 Ex. 15:11.

<sup>13</sup> Isa. 22:2.
 <sup>14</sup> Gen. 1:3.
 <sup>15</sup> Gen. 43:17.
 <sup>16</sup> Ezek. 13:2.
 <sup>17</sup> 2 Sam. 1:21.
 <sup>18</sup> Ps. 2:12.

19 Ezek. 10:3.
 20 Gen. 24:3.
 21 Ps. 2:6.
 22 Ez. 7:9.
 23 Josh. 7:2

1. Participles and adjectives are frequently joined by annexion with a following substantive. This is a closer construction than a following object-accusative or accusative of specification would be. Here may be noted,

a. The usage in the case of *active* participles, in which the noun expresses the object of the action, or, as sometimes in poetry, the sphere in which the action is exerted.<sup>a b</sup>

b. The usage in case of *passive* participles, in which the noun expresses, sometimes the author of the action, sometimes the secondary agent or instrument.

c. The usage in the case of *adjectives* (denoting a property or quality) in which the noun has the force of an accusative of limitation or specification.

### REMARKS.

(a) Cases of the construct before パロ occur, e. g., Jer. 33:22.

(b) The accusative rather than a genitive is used (1) after a participle or adjective when it (the participle) has the article, and (2) when a word is for any reason inserted between the participle and the word which would, otherwise, be in the genitive; cf. Isa. 40:20; Job 15:10; 32:6.

2. Words in annexion form one complex idea, and therefore cannot be separated by intervening words. Here are to be noted certain points :-

a. The article and He locative everywhere form exceptions to the general law just given; but aside from these only a few anomalous cases occur of the interposition of words.<sup>a</sup>

b. Prepositions, particularly the shorter ones and especially in poetry, quite frequently occur prefixed to the second of two nouns in annexion, thus defining more exactly the relationship existing between the two nouns.<sup>b</sup>

c. As one result of this inseparability, two or more nouns joined by "and" cannot stand in annexion with a single genitive; but the genitive is employed with the first, and in the form of a suffix with the second; ede while further, a single construct does not usually stand in annexion with two or more genitives, but is repeated with each f

d. As a second result of this inseparability, a word or suffix limiting the construct must be placed after the following genitive and not between the construct and the genitive.g

#### REMARKS.

(a) 53 all, having almost come to be an adjective, occasionally allows the interpositiou of a word before its genitive, e. g., 2 Sam. 1:9; other cases in which this is claimed to occur are capable of a different explanation; e. g., Job 27:3; Ps. 45:7; Isa. 28:1; 36:9. Cf. also the bold poetic constructions in Gen. 49:11; Isa. 19:8; 22:16.

 (b) This is most frequent with participles of verbs which are regularly followed by a preposition, e. g., דָּהָה trust in; שָׁכֵן בָּ dwell in, ete.

(c) Hence one may not say, "the sons and daughters of David," but "the sons of David and his daughters;" and it is better to say "the God of heaven and the God of earth," than "the God of heaven and earth;" but see Gen. 14:19.

(d) The same holds true of pronominal suffixes; instead of "his sons and daughters" one must say "his sons and his daughters."

(e) Sometimes the suffix is omitted, or there is substituted for it the article, in which case the absolute state is employed, e. g., Gen. 40:1.

(f) Exceptions occur: (1) when the second of the two nouns joined by "and" is a repetition or a synonym of the first; and (2) in poetry where greater liberty is allowed, e. g., Job 20:17; Ezek. 39:4; 2 Sam. 20:19.

(g) Whether the modifying word which follows two nouns in annexion limits the construct, or the genitive, or the complex idea expressed by both together must be determined from the agreement and from the context. When there would be manifest ambiguity, resort is had to a periphrastic construction (§ 9. 5.).

3. a. אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּלְחָמָה not men of the war, but the men of war.

- 4. a. אַכָרים a servant of servants, i. e. the lowest servant. נְשָׁא הַלֵּוֹי for the prince of the princes of Levi. [dwell.
  - b. הַקַּערוּץ נְחָלִים לִשְׁכֹן in the most frightful of valleys they must הַבָּערוּץ נְחָלִים לִשְׁכֹן s from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
- 5. מ. אָתַיָם לַמֵּלֶך יוּ the year two of the king. סיעיר-גְרֹלָה לֵאלהִים a great city of God. העיר לַאֲחִימֵלָך ווֹבֵן אֶחָר לַאֲחִימֵלָך

b. יבו לישׁי<sup>12</sup> a son of Jesse.
געָבָר לְשֵׁר הַטַבָּחִים<sup>13</sup> a servant of the captain of the guard.
געָבור לְשֵׁר הַטַבָּחִים לְאָבוֹת <sup>14</sup> heads of fathers.
דְאִשׁים לְאָבוֹת <sup>15</sup> a psalm of David.
וֹכְחָבוֹן לְאֵל עֶלְיוֹן a priest of the most high God.

<sup>1</sup> Num. 31:49.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 9:25.	9 Hag. 1:1.	13 Gen. 41:12.
2Gen. 1:20.	6 Num. 3:32.	10 Jon. 3:3.	14 Neh. 11:13.
3 Gen. 1:27.	7 Job 30:6.	11 1 Sam. 22: 20.	15 Ps. 3:1.
4 Deut. 1:15.	<sup>8</sup> Jon. 3:5.	121 Sam. 16:18.	16 Gen. 14:18.

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- c. יִלְרָוָד (a psalm) of David.
  - אָכָנן לאָחִינָעָם Amnon (son) of Ahinoam. [the month.
- d. בְּשָׁבְעָה וְעָשְׂרִים יוֹם לַחֵוֶּרָשׁ a on the seven and twentieth day of יום לַחַוֶּרָשׁ the first of all.
- e. יְּשֶׁרֶה לְבַעַז the portion of the field of Boaz.
  אָהָרָי הַיָּכִים לְכַיְבֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
  the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

יאָשָר לְשָׁאוּל the chief of the herdmen of Saul.

3. The construct, containing only a portion of the idea intended to be conveyed, is incomplete and, in itself, *indefinite*; hence

a. The construct cannot receive the article;<sup>a</sup> or be definite in itself (§ 4. 1.).<sup>b</sup>

b. The construct, however, becomes definite by position (2 4. 2), whenever its following genitive is, for any reason, definite.<sup>c d</sup>

4. The use of annexion to express the superlative idea is worth j of special notice. This is seen,

a. When the *two* nouns in *annexion* are the same, the former being singular, the latter plural.

b. When the relation between the nouns is a partitive one  $(\[2]8.3.f)$ .

5. Instead of *annexion*, there is often employed a periphrasis, made by means of the preposition  $\mathbf{a}^{ef}$ . This is substituted when there is a desire on the part of the writer,

a. To interpose a word between the construct and genitive.

b. To mark the first noun as indefinite, when the second is definite.

c. To omit entirely the noun which would be in the construct, as in inscriptions, and in the case of common words like *son*, *day*, etc.

d. To designate explicitly relations of place and time.

e. To avoid a long series of constructs.

## REMARKS.

(a) Exceptions to this may be classified as follows: (1) Cases where the article seems to have a demonstrative force, Josh. 8:33; cf. also Ps. 123:4; Ezek. 17:15; 1 Kgs. 14:24. (2) Cases where the genitive is a proper name, e. g., 2 Kgs. 23:17; Gen. 31:13; Isa. 86:8. (3) Cases where what seems to be a construct is a participle with an accusative suffix, e. g., Ps. 18:33; Isa. 9:12. (4) Cases where the connection is loose, the second noun denoting the material (and to be regarded in many instances as an adverbial

 <sup>1</sup> Ps. 69:1.
 <sup>5</sup> Gen. 8:14.
 <sup>5</sup> Ruth 2:3.
 <sup>7</sup> 1 Sam. 21:8.

 <sup>2</sup> 2 Sam. 3:2.
 <sup>4</sup> 2 Sam. 19:21.
 <sup>6</sup> 1 Kgs. 15:31.

accusative), e. g., 2 Kgs. 16:14; Zech. 4:10. (5) Cases where, the connection being loose, a preposition is inserted, e. g., Ps. 113:5; Judg. 8:11.

(b) Proper names, therefore, except when applied to more than one object, cannot stand in the construct.

(c) The construct cannot be indefinite and the genitive definite; nor can the genitive be indefinite and the construct definite; either both are definite or both indefinite. To both of these cases, however, exceptions are found, where there would be no room for ambiguity; e. g., Gen. 16:7; 42:19; 9:20; Lev. 14:34; 1 Sam. 17:17; Deut. 22:19.

(d) On the determination of words in annexion, see § 5. 1.

(e) The pronoun אָשֶׁר is frequently inserted before the preposition to secure greater clearness.

(f) The preposition [7] from is sometimes employed as a substitute for annexion; e. g., 2 Sam. 19:18; Isa. 6:6; 1 Kgs. 20:35; Ps. 16:4. The sense, in this usage, is generally partitive.

Gen. 7:11	2 Kgs. 22:51a.
Gen. 8:5, 135c.	Isa. 1:7; 22:21b.
Gen. 9:10; 25:271a.	Isa. 2:20; 36:92d.
Gen. 14:192c.	Isa. 5:11; 9:1, 2; 14:6, 192b.
Gen. 20:12a.	Isa. 6:51c.
Gen. 40:55a.	Isa. 8:1,
Gen. 41:12	Isa. 11:2
Ex. 3:6, 15 (cf. 16)2c.	Isa. 53:34b.
Ex. 4:20	Jer. 8:1
Ex, 12:8, 91b.	Jer. 8:162b.
Ex. 26:334 <i>a</i> .	Jer. 20:171c.
Num. 3:491b.	Ezek. 26:7
Num. 10:171a.	Ezek. 31:3lc.
Deut. 1:3	Ezek. 31:162c.
Deut. 10:17	Ezek. 47:10
Deut. 22:221b.	Hos. 4:171b.
Deut. 32:241a.	Hos. 7:5
Josh. 8:11; 15:212b.	Joel 1:81b.
Josh. 19:51	Joel 2:51c.
Judg. 3:28; 12:55d.	Mic. 2:8lc.
Judg. 5:102b.	Hab. 3:1
Judg. 6:11	Ps. 12:7; 84:72b.
1 Sam. 2:51c.	Ps. 19:8, 9; 40:5; 88:6 1a.
1 Sam. 9:214b.	Ps. 90:1
1 Sam. 17:17, 182d.	Prov. 9:181b.
1 Sam. 24:61c.	Prov. 11:221c.
2 Sam. 2:8	Job 18:22b.
2 Sam. 4:41c.	Cant. 1:14a.
1 Kgs. 2:71a.	Ruth 2:3; 4:3
1 Kgs. 3:185a.	Eccles. 1:2
1 Kgs. 15:235e.	1 Chron. 27:34
1 Kgs, 19:152a.	2 Chron. 21:174b.
2 Kgs. 16:195e.	

# 10. THE ADJECTIVE.

- 1. a. הַנְכָקי a host of mighty = a mighty host; הֵיל כָּבֵר <sup>2</sup> the inno b. הְרָשׁ הֵיכָלֶך the holy of thy temple = thy holy temple. [cent blood.
- 2. הַהְבְרִים הַטּוֹבִים the great luminary; הַהְבְרִים הַטּוֹבִים the good things; <sup>6</sup> his eldest son; הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה this place; <sup>8</sup> השנים הטבות הבאת האַלָה these good years that are to come.
- 3. אָרָרוֹל בְּבוֹרוֹ I'ahweh (is) good; יְהוֹל בְּבוֹרוֹל בְּבוֹרוֹ his glory (is) great;
   אָבָרוֹל גָרוֹל וּגָרוֹל (is) good; גָרוֹל גָרוֹל גָרוֹל וֹשׁוֹבָה הָאָרֵץ)<sup>12</sup> his strength (is) great;
   אַבויל thou (art) righteous.
- 4. a. אַכְּחַלָּטוֹב מֶחַיִּים 15 better than honey; אַכְחַלים 15 better than life; אָרָחַל מְלָאָה 16 and he loved Rachel more than Leah.
  - b. אַקַטן וֹשָׁלשָׁה הַגְּרֹלִים הְלְכוּ אַחֲהֵרי שָׁאוּל and David was the smallest, and the three oldest had followed Saul.

וְעָר־קְטַנָם ווּער־קַטַנָס<sup>18</sup> from the greatest among them even unto the least among them.

ירָבְנִי־ְרָבָר מְבָל-בְּגַי־ְרָבָר מְבָל-בְּגַי־ְרָבָר מְבָל-בְּגַי־ְרָבָר מָבָל-בְּגַי־ְרָבָר מָבָל מָבָל-בְּגַי־רָבָרָ מיבָנָשִים<sup>20</sup> the fairest among women. [priests.

גְרָלֵי הָעֵיר the greatest of the city; אָקְנֵי הַכְּהָנִים <sup>21</sup> the greatest of the city; אָקָנָי הַכְּרָים 15 5. אָליש דְבָרִים 2<sup>3</sup> an eloquent man; אַפָּעָל הַחַלְלוֹת בָּרָים

יבוי בויל sons of strength, valiant; בויבויל sons of a night.

1. The adjective is frequently treated as if it were a substantive:

a. When it stands in the genitive after a noun in the construct state (§ 8. 3. a.).

b. When it stands in the construct state with a following genitive.<sup>a</sup>
2. The adjective (here including participles and demonstratives) when used in an attributive sense,

a. Follows<sup>b</sup> the noun which it modifies.

b. Agrees<sup>c</sup> with it in number and gender.

1 Isa. 36:2.	8 Gen. 41:35.	15 Ps. 63:4.	21 2 Kgs. 10:6.
	° Gen. 41:55.		
<sup>2</sup> Deut. 19:13.	9 Ps. 34:9.	16 Gen. 29:30.	22 Isa. 37;2.
<sup>3</sup> Ps. 65:5.	10 Ps. 21:6.	17 1 Sam. 17:14.	23 Ex. 4:10.
4 Gen. 1:16.	11 Num. 14:7.	18 Jon. 3:5.	24 Gen. 37:19.
5 Josh. 23:14.	12 Judg. 16:5.	19 Job 1:3.	25 Deut. 3:18.
6 Gen. 27:1.	13 Neh. 9:33.	20 Cant. 1:8.	26 Jon. 4:10.
7 Gen. 28:17.	14 Jude 14.18		

c. Receives<sup>d</sup> the article, if the noun which it modifies is for any reason a definite noun.

3. The adjective (here including participles and demonstratives) when used as a predicate, regularly precedes the subject, yet frequently follows it, when the sense is clear.<sup>c</sup>

4. The comparison of adjectives is expressed as follows :--

a. The comparative degree, by the use of the preposition  $\bigcap from$  prefixed to the word with which comparison is made fg

b. The superlative degree,

- By the emphatic use of the *positive* with the article, a pronominal suffix or a following genitive.<sup>h</sup>
- (2) By employing the phrase  $\forall a \in [a, a]$ , or  $a \in [a]$ .
- (3) By the constructions referred to in § 9. 4.

5. The adjectival idea, because of the scarcity of adjectives, is frequently expressed by certain nominal constructions (see § 8. 3. e.).

### REMARKS.

(a) This does not include the cases cited under § 9. 1. c.

(b) Very rarely does the adjective precede; and in most of these cases the adjective or demonstrative is treated as a substantive; e.g., Ex. 32:1; Ps. 104:25; Ps. 32:10.

(c) It is to be noted that the adjective is plural when the noun is dual, and that with collectives the construction is often one according to sense; e. g., Isa, 42:7; 1 Sam.

(d) The article is quite frequently omitted (see § 5. 2. Rem. d). [13:15; 17:28.

(c) Note also the use of a substantive (or a substantive and preposition) as predicate instead of an adjective, thus emphasizing the idea; Gen. 1:2; Job 3:4; Ps. 25:10; Isa. 5:12.

(f) This use of p is frequent also after verbs; e. g., 1 Sam. 10:23; Gen. 37:3.

(g) The adjective is often omitted and is to be supplied from the context; Mic. 7:4; Job 11:17.

 $(h)\,{\rm The}\,$  individual is thus designated as possessing in a pre-eminent degree the quality referred to.

Gen. 1:16; 19:20; 41:202	2 Kgs. 25:91a.
Gen. 3:1: 42:134b.	Isa. 13:12
	Isa. 23:8
Gen. 6:5; 19:20; 29:2, 73	
Gen. 27:14a.	Jer. 15:15
Ex. 12:42, 4b.	Jer. 49:154b.
Ex. 15:161b.	Ezek. 28:3
Deut. 1:19; 21:3	Ezek. 28:7
Deut. 1:25	Amos 6:21a.
Deut. 11:234a.	Zech. 14:41a.
Deut. 14:2; 21:3, 64b.	Ps. 40:134a.
Josh. 14:11	Ps. 46:114b.
Josh. 14:154b.	Ps. 145:71b.
Judg. 6:154b.	Prov 3:14; 16:32; 21:34a.
Judg. 14:18	Cant. 5:8
1 Sam. 4:103	Ruth 1:12; 3:124a.
1 Sam. 10:234b.	Eccles. 1:131a.
1 Sam. 16:71b.	Eccles. 7:24a.
1 Kgs. 17:173	

11. PERSONAL PRONOUN AND SUFFIXES.

- 1. מ. ילישת גם-הוא my death, mine; ילישת גם-הוא יכוֹתי אני to Seth also to him.
  - b. אַמַמָרא הוא הברון Bela, that is Zoar; אַמַרא הוא הוא הוא מַמָרא אַ אַער אַ
  - c. האיש ההוא זהארי הארץ ההוא 6 that man.
  - d. אלהים שפט הוא God is Judge; הוא שמו s is its name.
- a. פְּבְרָאָם he created them; וּבְרָאָם he created them;
   ינְהַתַּנִי <sup>11</sup> did ye fast for me? וֹנְהַצְמָהֶנִי<sup>12</sup> thou hast given me.
  - b. אַהְהָ הְרַאֲנִי אֹתוֹ<sup>13</sup> thee I had killed; וֹהְרְאֲנִי אֹתוֹ<sup>14</sup> and he will make me see it; אֹתוֹ<sup>15</sup> and the choosing him; אֹתוֹ<sup>16</sup> when she bare him; הַכּוֹת־אֹתָם<sup>15</sup> con מַכְעָיסִים<sup>17</sup> they provoke themselves; וֹהָכּוֹת־אֹתוֹ<sup>18</sup> to smite him.

  - d. י<u>ראתו<sup>24</sup> my wrong; יראתו<sup>25</sup> his fear</u> (caused by him).

1. The Personal Pronoun, in its separate form,<sup>a</sup> aside from its ordinary use,<sup>b c d c</sup> is employed,

a. In apposition with a noun or pronoun in an oblique case, for emphasis ( $\S$  6. 3); and in the case of the *third* person,

- b. As a brief explanatory particle equivalent to that is.
- c. As a remote demonstrative (see § 12. 1. b.).
- d. As a sort of copula (see  $\gtrless$  7. 6, 7).

2. The Pronominal Suffixes are substituted for the personal pronouns in all oblique cases. Here may be noted their use,

- a. With verbs;  $f^{g}$  in which case the suffix is
  - generally the direct object of the verb as an accusative, either directly appended to the verb, or joined to no (see b. below);
  - (2) sometimes, for brevity, the indirect object, as a dative.
- b. With the sign of the definite object n; h i this occurs
  - (1) when for emphasis the pronominal idea must be expressed first;

1 2 Sam. 19:1.	8 Gen. 2:19.	14 2 Sam. 15:25.	20 Gen. 3:3.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 4:26.	9 Gen. 5:2.	15 1 Sam. 2:28.	21 2 Sam. 15:33.
s Gen. 14:8.	10 Gen. 1:27.	<sup>16</sup> Gen. 38:5.	22 Gen. 12:1.
4 Gen. 23:19.	11 Zech. 7:5.	17 Jer. 7:19.	23 Isa. 31:8.
5 Gen. 2:12.	12 Josh. 15:19.	<sup>18</sup> Gen. 4:15.	24 Jer. 51:35.
6 Job 1:1.	13 Num. 22:33.	19 1 Sam. 1:2.	25 Ex. 20:20.
7 Ps. 50:6.			

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- (2) when a verb has two pronominal objects, only one of which can be joined directly to the verb;
- (3) when it is the object of an Infinitive Absolute which cannot receive a suffix;
- (4) when it is the object of an Infinitive Construct whose subject is a pronominal suffix, or a noun which must stand near it;
- (5) when the pronominal idea is a reflexive one;
- (6) when, by the use of , ambiguity is avoided, or greater distinctness secured.
- c. With prepositions :--
  - In all the various uses which occur in the case of nouns; and besides
  - (2) In the so-called "ethical dative," which marks "an intimate relation sustained by the subject to the act."<sup>j</sup>

d. With nouns; here the noun is properly a construct (§ 8. Rem. b), and the suffix a genitive, subjective or objective (§ 8. 1. a. b).<sup>k l</sup>

## REMARKS.

(a) The personal pronoun, in its separate form, may be used only as a nominative, except in the case cited in 1. a. above.

(b) While the personal pronoun is included in the finite verb, it is also written separately (1) for emphasis or contrast; e. g., Ps. 71:22; Gen. 48:19; (2) if a second subject besides the pronoun follows the verb; e. g., Gen. 6:18; 13:1; (3) superfluously, chiefly by later writers; e. g., Lev. 18:26; Eccles. 2:12. [24:36; 19:24.

(c) It is not uncommon to repeat a noun rather than employ a pronoun; e.g., Gen.

(d) The *third* person rather than the *first* is generally used by authors in speaking of themselves; e. g., Jer. 7:1; but cf. Isa. 6:1; Jer. 1:4.

(e) The terms thy servant, thy handlmaid for the first person, and of my Lord, the king for the second person are common; e.g., Gen. 18:3; 19:19; 44:18; 2 Sam. 14:12.

(f) The suffix, when the object of a verb, is often omitted when it can be easily supplied from the context; e. g., Gen. 2:19; 9:22; 38:17; Ex. 2:3.

(g) It is, on the other hand, sometimes expressed redundantly; e.g., Ex.2:6;1Sam.21:14; Ezek. 10:3; Isa. 17:6; Josh. 1:2.

(h) As the language grows older there is an increasing tendency to separate the pronoun from the verb which it modifies.

(i) For the usage of the sign of the definite object N with nouns, see § 12. 2. b.

(j) "In most cases this mode of expression indicates a special participation in the action by the agent or speaker, a certain earnestness or zeal with which he acts; but it occurs, as an expression of heartiness, more in the diffuse and easy-going popular style, both in poetry and in unimpassioned prose, and especially in sentences in which advice is tendered, or a question asked."—EWALD.

(k) The suffix, in a few cases, seems almost entirely to have lost its original force; e.g., (1) אָד = my lords (\$ 3. 2. e) = the Lord, used only of God (Gen. 15:2; 18:3); (2) אָד = his joinings = he together = together (Ex. 19:8; 1 Kgs. 3:18).

(l) On the inaccurate, and largely colloquial, interchange of masculine and feminine pronouns and suffixes, see § 2. 1. e.

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Gen. 16:5	Jer. 7:19; 16:112b.
Gen. 21:16; 24:62c.	Jer. 9:12a.
Gen. 23:21b.	Jer. 25:141a.
Gen. 24:27; 27:34, 381a.	Hos. 8:9
Gen. 37:42a.	Amos 2:13; 7:122c.
Ex. 7:9; 18:27	Hag. 1:4
Num. 14:321a.	Zech. 7:51a.
Num. 22:332a.	Ps. 9:71a.
Deut. 22:2	Ps. 58:8; 120:62c.
Josh. 15:8, 91b.	Job 20:29; 23:14; 34:6
1 Sam. 25:241a.	Cant. 2:11
2 Sam. 17:51a.	Eccles. 8:152a.
1 Kgs. 21:191a.	Dan. 8:15 <b>1</b> a.
Isa. 2:22; 23:72c.	

# 12. DEMONSTRATIVE AND INTERROGATIVE PRONOUN.

- 1. a. הרברים האליה this place; הכוקום הזה this place; הרברים האלים בזה
  - b. הוא יש ההוא ז'ביכים ההם that man; האיש ההוא those days.
  - c. רְכָיָלָה this stroke = now; רְכָיָלָה this night = to-night.
  - d. זה ילרה יעכנת בו who begat thee; זה ילרה ילרה ילרה ילרה ילרה ילרה.
  - e. אָלָאָ זָה אָז <sup>10</sup> come up here; קוֹה הַיָּט<sup>10</sup> come up here; געניים רַבִּים יוֹיָה פַעַ<u>כו</u>ים רַבִּים געניים געניים געניים געניים איניים איניים געניים געניים געניים געניים איניין איניים אויניין איניין אינייע
  - f. וַאֲשֶׁר אָתוֹ <sup>1</sup>כְּאָלֵי כְּאַיָלוֹת my feet are like those of hinds; וַאֲשֶׁר אָתוֹ זיבַתְבָר יבַתְבַר יובַתְבָר יוב מול those who were with him in the ark.
  - g. אמר בְּכֹה וְזֶה אמר בְּכֹה וְזֶה אמר בְּכֹה וְזֶה אמר בְּכֹה וּזֵה אמר בְּכֹה וּזֵה אמר בְּכֹה וּזַי אמר בּכֹה ווּזַר אמר בּכֹה one said so; ואָלָה מזָה וְאָלֵה מוּ וּזַר וּזַר וּזַר אוֹזיי these hither and those thither.

Gen. 28:17.
 Gen. 15:1.
 Job 1:1.
 Gen. 6:4.
 Gen. 2:23.
 Gen. 19:5.
 Prov. 23:22.

8 Ps. 74:2.
9 Ps. 104:25.
10 Num. 13:17.
11 Josh. 22:3.
12 Gen. 27:36.
13 Job 38:2.

<sup>14</sup> Gen. 18:13.
 <sup>15</sup> Judg. 18:24.
 <sup>16</sup> 2 Sam. 22:34.
 <sup>17</sup> Gen. 7:23.
 <sup>18</sup> 1 Kgs. 22:20.
 <sup>19</sup> 2 Sam. 2:13.

20 Gen. 24:65. 21 Gen. 33:5. 22 Dent. 5:23. 23 Gen. 33:8. 24 Gen. 24:23. 25 Isa. 6:8.

- c. יְקְרָמַת-אָמָר <sup>1</sup> what did they say? אָקְמַת-אָמָר<sup>2</sup> what wisdom? אָלְרָמָה for what? אַל-מָה <sup>5</sup>על-מָה <sup>1</sup>יַען מָה <sup>5</sup> upon what?
- d. אָרייָבע מִי־אָסְפָם <sup>6</sup> he knows not who shall gather them. דעו מָה-הוא <sup>7</sup> they knew not what it was.
- e. אָי־יָרָא וְחָרֵר יָשׁב<sup>8</sup> let whoever is fearful and timid return. רָאַעָשָׁה-לָך whatever thy soul desires I will do for thee. [thou?

f. אי־מו לאי־מו שאוch house? איי־מו זיין from what city art

1. In reference to the demonstrative pronoun, it may be noted that

a. The demonstrative, when attributive, is treated as an adjective (§ 10. 2.).

b. The personal pronoun of the third person is used as a remote demonstrative<sup>a</sup> (§ 11. 1. c.).

c. The article sometimes still retains its original demonstrative force ( $\S$  4. 3. a).

d. The pronoun  $\exists \eta$ , especially in poetry, is often used as a relative pronoun.<sup>b</sup>

e. The pronoun  $\exists d$  (sometimes having a preposition) is also used as a demonstrative adverb, sometimes referring to *place* and sometimes to *time;* and frequently serves as an enclitic to emphasize words of interrogation (cf. English *then*).<sup>e</sup>

f. The demonstrative is omitted whenever, if expressed, it would stand as a construct before a genitive, or before a relative pronoun.

g. The demonstratives are often used antithetically = this-that, these-those.

2. In reference to the *interrogative* pronouns it may be noted that

a. 12, either singular or plural, refers generally to *persons*, though very seldom to *things.*<sup>d</sup>

b.  $\mathfrak{N}$  may be used as a genitive after a construct, an accusative with  $\mathfrak{N}$ , or with prepositions.

c.  $\Box : \Box : \Box$ , referring always to things, may stand as a nominative, accusative, or genitive, or with prepositions.

d. Either מָה or מָי may introduce indirect as well as direct questions.<sup>e</sup>

1 Isa. 39:3, 4.	4 Hag. 1:9.
<sup>2</sup> Jer. 8:9.	5 Job 38:6.
8 Ps. 2:1.	6 Ps. 39:7.

<sup>7</sup> Ex. 16:15. <sup>8</sup> Judg. 7:3. <sup>9</sup> 1 Sam. 20:4 <sup>10</sup> Isa. 66:1. <sup>11</sup> 2 Sam. 15:2. e. Either יָטָ or מָיָ may be used as indefinite pronouns, whoever, whateverfgh

f. By prefixing 'N (construct of 'N where) to the demonstrative  $\prod_{i=1}^{n}$  a quite common interrogation is formed.

# REMARKS.

(a) It is important to distinguish closely between הוא and הוא; e.g., Judg. 7:4.

(b) In the same manner our English that may be used as a relative.

(c) also is sometimes an enclitic emphasizing the preceding interrogative; e. g., Ps. 24:10.

(d) In most cases the objects to which "D refers involve individual beings.

(e) In the Semitic languages the difference between direct and indirect sentences is scarcely felt.

(f) Compare כאומה whatever, Num. 23:3; and also מאומה anything whatever.

(g) In a few cases מי-אל (Deut. 3:24) מו קעמווק (Deut. 3:24) מי-אל (Deut. 3:24) what God? מי-אל (Isa. 40:18) what likeness? also Ps. 77:14; Jer. 2:5.

(h) Notice should be taken of those cases in which הכם, asking the mode of an action, is equivalent to how? e. g., Num. 23:8; 1 Sam. 10:27; Gen. 28:17; Ps. 8:2; 84:2.

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Gen. 4:10; 47:82c.	1 Kgs. 13:122f.
Gen. 15:181b.	1 Kgs. 17:24; 19:51e.
Gen. 16:82f.	2 Kgs. 19:222b.
Gen. 24:23, 32:182b.	Isa. 2:171b.
Gen. 27:211e.	Isa. 3:9lf.
Gen. 28:15; 31:11f.	Isa. 54:15
Ex. 2:111b.	Joel 3:21h.
Ex. 5:221e.	Jon. 1:8
Ex. 24:141e, 2e.	Mic. 3:41b.
	Mic. 5:41e.
Deut. 8:2, 4; 9:121e.	Zech. 5:52d.
Deut. 17:91b.	Zech. 7:3
Judg. 9:282a.	Mal. 1:7
1 Sam. 12:3; 17:55-582b.	Ps. 12:5; 77:142a.
1 Sam. 14:172d.	Ps. 20:8; 75:81g.
1 Sam. 30:132f.	Ps. 104:8
2 Sam. 19:431c.	Prov. 19:121f.
1 Kgs. 1:27; 14:32d.	Job 13:13
1 Kgs. 3:23	Job 19:191d.
-	Eccles. 7:14 1g.

# 13. THE RELATIVE PRONOUN.

1 Isa. 37:4. 2 Deut. 28:49. 3 Gen. 2:11.

בָּמָצָרָיִם hail such as has not been in Egypt. אָתָר אָשֶׁר בִּךְ אָתָה אֵשֶׁר בִךָּ אָתָה אַשֶׁר בִּךָ אָתָפָאָר v thou art my servant in whom I will 2. לְאָשׁר קוָהו מאתו ז' to him from whom he bought it. [be glorified. יעל איטר-עשה on account of that which he did. ביר אשר שנאת <sup>5</sup> in the hand of him whom thou hatest. קמות fin the place in which thou diest, I will die. יקרת בעיני from the time in which thou wast precious in mine [eyes. 3. a. בארץ לא לרום o in a land which is not theirs. הכאת יום-קראת 10 thou hast brought the day thou hast called. וייום אולר בו the day on which I was born. b. איידע אל יידע אליידע אליידע אליידע אליידע אליידע אליידע אלי שלח<sup>13</sup> by the hand of any one whom thou wilt send. ויהוֹה אָהָבוֹ יִעשה הפצו he whom Yahweh loves will accomplish 4. a. אָבִיך זה יְלָהֵך ווֹשׁבוּע לאָביך זה יְלָהֵך 15 listen to thy father who begat thee. [his desire. יוָה־אָהְבָתִי נְהְפְכוּ־בִי those I loved are turned against me.

b. גוֹבְנוֹ הַגוֹלֵר־לוֹ his son who was born to him. [turned.
 אוֹהַהָלְכוֹא<sup>18</sup> who went; הַבָּאָה<sup>19</sup> which has come; גֹה הָהָלְכוֹא<sup>20</sup> who re-

The word אישר is, strictly speaking, an unchangeable relative particle, and not a *pronoun*. It is used to give a *relative* force to something which follows. Hence,

1. A pronominal suffix or an adverb following this particle, receives from it a relative meaning, אָשֶׁר....לו = to whom, אַשָּר....שָׁם whom, שׁשָׁר....שָׁש = where, etc.<sup>a b</sup>

2. When the particle  $\exists \psi$  is immediately preceded by a preposition, or by  $\exists \chi$ , the sign of the definite object, or by a noun in the construct state, there is always to be supplied as its antecedent, according to the demands of the context, either a demonstrative pronoun, or a word indicating *place* or *time.*<sup>c</sup>

1 Ex. 9:18. 6 Ruth 1:17. 11 Job 3:3. 16 Job 19:19. 12 Job 18:21. 17 Gen. 21:3. <sup>2</sup> Isa. 49:3. 7 Isa. 43:4. 13 Ex. 4:13. 18 Josh. 10:24. 3 Lev. 27:24. 8 Num. 22:6. 4 Jer. 15:4. 9 Gen. 15:13. 14 Isa. 48:14. 19 Gen. 18:21. 5 Ezek. 23:28. 10 Lam. 1:21. 15 Prov. 23:22 20 Ruth 4:3.

3. The relative particle may be omitted from any construction in which it is accustomed to be used, as,

a. When it would be the subject or object of the sentence, or used as a genitive or dative; and even

b. When, by its omission, there is also omitted its antecedent (see 2 above) which is included in it.

4. The relative idea is otherwise expressed,

a. By the demonstrative pronoun , (2 12. 1. d).

b. By the article with a participle and rarely with a finite verb  $(\mathbf{\xi} \mathbf{4}, \mathbf{3}, f).do$ 

### REMARKS.

(a) When the pronominal suffix is the *object of a verb*, it may be omitted as easily understood from the context, and in this case the particle serves alone to express the idea, e. g., Gen. 2:8; 21:3; 26:32; Ex. 4:21.

(b) Generally one or more words stand between the particle, and the pronoun or adverb which receives from it the relative force.

c) In Gen. 31:32 and Isa. 47:12 the relative particle is said by some to be directly connected with the preposition.

(d) The relative particle is used with  $\frac{1}{7}$  as a periphrasis of annexion (§ 9.5. Rem. c).

(e) The relative particle is largely used in the formation of conjunctions from prepositions and adverbs, but even here it may be omitted, e.g., Josh. 2:22; Gen. 31:20; 1 Sam. 5:9; 2 Sam. 12:22.

Gen. 2:114b.	Isa. 7:161
Gen. 9:24; 39:92	Isa. 25:9; 42:24; 43:214a.
Gen. 13:3; 45:41	Isa. 30:6; 54:13a.
Ex. 4:15; 32:34 2	Isa. 40:29; 41:24; 65:1
Ex. 9:43a.	Jer. 2:8
Ex. 15:134a.	Jer. 32:191
Lev. 5:8	Ezek. 11:121
Lev. 16:321	Hos. 1:2
Deut. 3:41	Hos. 14:41
Deut. 4:3	Hab. 2:6
Deut. 32:15, 20	Ps. 4:8; 7:7; 49:203a.
Josh. 10:244b.	Ps. 9:16; 74:24a.
Judg. 5:183a.	Job 10:2; 15:174a.
Judg. 17:82	Ruth 1:162
1 Sam. 15:2; 16:32	Est. 6:61
1 Kgs. 18:12	1 Chron. 26:28
2 Kgs. 8:12	

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14. OTHER PRONOMINAL EXPRESSIONS.

- 1. a. ייתחכא and I hid myself; ייתחכא and he hid himself.
  - b. אָדְיָהוּאָדֹיָי the Lord himself; הְיָהוּרִים הַיָּקִיהוּאָדֹיָי דּוּא ז'הַיָּרוּר חָרָב מוּ Ehud made for himself a sword. הוַהַעַלָהו עָכָוה o and she took him up with herself.
  - e. אָדַע נַבְּשָׁי I know not myself (lit., my soul). וַהָּצְחַק שָׂרָה בְּקִרְבָה sand Sarah laughed within herself.
- 2. a. איש חַלמוּ יוּשַאָמוּ <sup>1</sup>ייש מוּ they dreamed ....each his dream. בְּבַּלֶקר בַּבַּלֶקר בַּבַּלֶקר יישני הָעָׁכֶיר לְאָחָד 'and they dreamed ....each his dream. each; בֹּלָקוּ יוֹם every morning; יוֹק אָרָחַי each; יוֹק יוֹם in every day; יוֹק every one living.
  - b. איש מִכְּקִקֹמוֹ let not any one go forth from his place.
     רְשָׁל־יָצָא אִיש מִכְּקִמוֹ 1<sup>5</sup> Is anything too difficult for Yahweh?
     י אָלָרַדַע מִיהוָה דְּכָר י פָּל־רַע מִיהוָה דְּכָר ופּל מִצָּוֹת י<sup>17</sup> anything evil.
     אישר-קך בָּעַיר ופּל אֲשֶׁר-קפון יי עָשָה
     whatever Y. pleases, he does.

  - d. אָשָׁם עַל־לֵב it is good for nothing; גייש שָׁם עַל־לֵב
     body takes it to heart; אָלָר הָעַשוֹן דָבָר
     body shall be in the tent.
  - e. אָיָשֶׁר־בָּוָה אַישׁ such a people; אָישׁר־בָּוָה אַישׁר־בָּוָה a man; יקיה כֵן אַרְבָּה כְרַזָהן אַ־קיָה כֵן אַרְבָּה כָרַזָרו

Gen. 3:10.
 Gen. 3:8.
 Isa. 7:14.
 Est. 9:1.
 Judg. 3:16.
 1 Sam. 1:24.
 Job 9:21.
 8 Gen. 18:12.

Gen. 40:5.
ID Ex. 16:21.
IL Ex. 16:22.
IPS. 7:12.
IB Gen. 3:20.
IA Ex. 16:29.
IB Gen. 18:14.
IB Lev. 4:2.

Isa. 56:2.
 Gen. 19:12.
 Ps. 135:6.
 Ex. 17:5.
 Ex. 16:27.
 Jer. 13:7.
 Isa. 57:1.
 Gen. 19:8.

Lev. 16:17.
 Jer. 5:9.
 Gen. 41:38.
 Ex. 10:14.
 Ex. 17:12.
 Gen. 13:11.
 Ex. 14:20.
 Isa. 19:2.

Certain ideas, expressed in English by means of pronouns, are otherwise expressed in Hebrew. The more important of these are the following :—

1. The *reflexive* pronoun is expressed,

a. By the Nĭph'ăl and Hĭthpă'ēl stems.

b. By the personal pronoun of the third person and by pronominal suffixes.

c. By the use of certain nouns like נְכָשָׁ, כָּנְים, עָצָט, פָנִים (8. 2. c), גָרָר, and כָּרָב.

2. The indefinite pronouns are expressed variously :--

a. Each, every, by איש, or the repetition of a word (§ 3. 1. c), or כל אחר, or , ארוב, אחר

b. Any, anyone, anything, whoever, whatever, by כל, דבר, איש.

c. Some of, by the preposition 12 from.

d. Nothing, nobody, by לא איש, לאיש, איש, איש, דְּבָר, אֵין אִישׁ, (or אַל), (or אַל), כַּל-אָרַם לא.

e. Such, by Cir. i.

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Gen. 8:9; 22:3; 33:171b.	2 Sam. 12:1	2f.
Gen. 9:5; 13:112f.	1 Kgs. 3:23	2f.
Gen. 30:142c.	1 Kgs. 10:12	2e.
Gen. 39:232d.	Isa. 6:3	.2f.
Ex. 4:92 <i>c</i> .	Isa, 66:8	.2e.
Ex. 35:242b.	Jer. 7:19	1b.
Lev. 5:9	Jer. 9:3	.2d.
Lev. 11:322b.	Jer. 37:9	1c.
Num. 20:192d.	Ezek. 15:3	.2b.
Num. 35:222b.	Ezek. 34:2	.1b.
Deut. 2:7	Hab. 2:19	.2d.
Judg. 6:292f.	Eccles. 8:5	.2d.
Judg. 13:232e.	1 Chron. 9:28	.2c.
1 Sam. 10:32f.	1 Chron, 17:5	.2f.

# 15. NUMERALS.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 27:45.	3 Gen. 27:44.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 1:16.	7 Num. 23:1, 29.
<sup>2</sup> Ex. 12:49,	4 Josh. 2:22.	6 Gen. 5:7.	

c. <u>כועלות שבע</u> seven rams; <u>כועלות שבע</u> seven steps.

- אַכּוֹת גָשְׂרִים seventy sons; אַכּוֹת גָשְׂרִים בְּנִים seventy cubits;
   אַכּוֹשְׁבָעִים גַפַשׁ forty nights; אַרָבָעִים לֵילָה
- 5. אַרְבָּעִים וּשְׁכוֹגָה זין forty-eight cities; אַרְבָּעִים וּשְׁכוֹגָה זין forty-two children; זאַרְבָּעִים וְשָׁלשׁ שְׁנָה זוּשְׁלשׁים וּשְׁכוֹגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשָׁכוּגָה זוּשַׁכוּגַה זוּשַׁכוּגַר זוּשַיּגַים וּשָׁכוּגַה זוּשַׁכוּגַה זוּשַרוּשַים געריינס גענים גענים גענים גענים גענים גענים געים גענים געני גענים גענים
- הָאָאָת אָדָנִים <sup>15</sup> a hundred prophets; הְאָדָנִים <sup>16</sup> a hundred sockets;
   מוֹרְמוֹנִים כֵאָה אָדָנִים <sup>18</sup> a hundred years; הְאָנָה <sup>17</sup>, בֵאָה שָׁנָה <sup>10</sup> a hundred pomegranates; אָבָרָף עָלוֹת אָבָרָף זיין a thousand burnt-offerings.
- - b. אַרְבָּעִים הַיּוֹם זַיּוֹם the five men; אַרְבָּעִים הַיּוֹם זַיּוֹם גַּיָּבְיָשָׁת הָאֲנָשָׁת הָאֲנָשָׁת הַיּוֹם מּשַיּדים אַרַעָים וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וְהַשָּׁרְשָׁה וַהַשָּׁרְשָׁה מַזּים גוען אַרַיַים אַיש זיים געניים געניי געניים גענייים געניים געניים געניים געניים געניים גענייים געניים געניים
- 8. a. בָּחֲרֵשׁ הַתְּשָׁעֵי in the first year; גַּשָּׁנָה הָרָאשׁוֹנָה 30 in the ninth
  - b. גָּשְׁבָה אָשְׁבָה גָעשְׁבָה אָשָׁבָה אָשָׁבָה אָשְׁבָה אָשְׁבָה גָעשְׁבָה אַשְׁבָה אַשְׁבָה אַשְׁבָה אַ year; אַרָבָּעִים שְׁבָה in the fortieth year.
  - c. אָרָבָעור-הַשָּׁבָע in the fourth year; אָרָבָע אויאָרָבָע<sup>35</sup> the seventh year.
- 9. a. אָקָר לַשָּׁבָים אוי זיי זענים אָקָר אַקר זייט אָקָים אָבָים אָבָים אָבָים אָבָים.

1 2 Chron. 13:9.
<sup>2</sup> Ezek. 40:22.
<sup>3</sup> Deut. 1:23.
4 Ezr. 8:35.
5 Deut. 1:2.
6 Gen. 46:18.
72 Kgs. 10:1.
8 2 Chron. 3:4.
9 Gen. 7:4.
10 Ex. 1:5.
11 Josh. 21:39.

13 2 Sam. 5:5.
14 Gen. 12:4.
15 1 Kgs. 18:4.
16 Ex. 38:27.
17 Gen. 17:17.
18 Gen. 11:10.
19 2 Chron. 3:16.
20 1 Kgs. 3:4.
21 2 Chron. 1:6.
22 Gen. 18:29.

12 2 Kgs. 2:24.

<sup>24</sup> Eccles, 4:9,
<sup>25</sup> Judg, 18:17,
<sup>26</sup> Deut, 9:25,
<sup>27</sup> Num, 3:41,
<sup>28</sup> Num, 16:35,
<sup>29</sup> 2 Chron, 29:3,
<sup>30</sup> Jer, 36:9,
<sup>31</sup> 2 Chron, 34:8,
<sup>32</sup> 2 Kgs, 22:3,
<sup>33</sup> Deut, 1:8,

23 Gen. 18:31.

<sup>34</sup> Zech. 7:1.
<sup>35</sup> Deut. 15:9.
<sup>36</sup> Gen. 7:9.
<sup>37</sup> Deut. 1:23.
<sup>38</sup> Num. 20:11.
<sup>39</sup> Ex. 23:17.
<sup>40</sup> Ex. 23:14.
<sup>41</sup> 1 Kgs. 10:22.
<sup>42</sup> Lev. 26:18.
<sup>43</sup> Gen. 4:15.
<sup>44</sup> 2 Sam. 12:6.

e. אַרְבַע one-half; שָׁרְיּשָׁית one-third; אַרְבַע two-thirds; אַרְבַע אַרְנוּת four-fifths; הַשַׁע יְרוֹת nine-tenths.

The various constructions of the numerals may be classified as follows:

ו אָקָר is an adjective, and follows the substantive which it modifies.<sup>a</sup>

2. The numerals from *two* to *ten* are used with *plural* nouns and may stand in one of three constructions :---

a. Before the noun and in annexion with it (§ 8. 2. a).

b. Before the noun, with the noun in apposition (§ 6.2. and Rem. b).

c. After the noun, and in apposition with it (§ 6. 1. e).bc

3. The numerals from *eleven* to *nineteen* are used with plural nouns,<sup>d</sup> and usually stand *before* the noun ( $\S$  6.2. and Rem. *b*), though sometimes after it ( $\S$  6.1. *e*).

4. The numerals from *twenty* to *ninety* may be followed by the substantive (in apposition, cf. & 6. 2. and Rem. b), or may be preceded by the substantive and stand in apposition with it (& 6. 1. e). In the former case the substantive is generally in the singular,<sup>e</sup> in the latter it is always in the plural.

5. Numerals made up of tens and units vary greatly in usage. They generally follow a plural noun, though sometimes they precede it. The common nouns cited below (Remarks d, c) generally stand in the singular, if the numeral precedes. Frequently the substantive is used twice, in the singular with the *ten*, in the plural with the *unit*.

6. The numerals מְאָרָם hundred, cyanter with the words for three hundred, four hundred, etc., and אָלָם thousand, minimum the same constructions as the numerals two to ten (see above 2. a.-c). The substantive, except in the case of those named in Remarks d, e (below), is in the plural.

7. In the use of the article with numerals, it may be noted that,

 $\alpha$ . A numeral standing alone receives it, as would any other noun.

b. When the numeral is in the construct, the article is written with the following substantive; when it is in the absolute, the article may be prefixed to the numeral, or to the substantive, or to both.

8. In reference to the use of ordinals, it may be noted that,

a. Those from one to ten are treated as ordinary adjectives.

b. Above ten, the cardinals are used as ordinals, following in annexion with the noun, or preceding it in apposition.

c. In dates, the cardinals from one to ten also are often used instead of the ordinals.

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9. a. Distributives are expressed by the repetition of the numeral, or by the use of the preposition  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

b. Numeral adverbs are expressed by forms of נותר, *time, רְנָל foot, tand*, by feminine forms of the cardinals, by dual formations.

c. Fractions are expressed by specific words (e. g., יבי *one-half*), by the feminine form of the ordinals, by use of the word רומ, etc.

### REMARKS.

(a) אחר is sometimes used as a substantive in annexion with a following word, e. g., 2 Sam. 13:13; Job 2:10.

(b) This construction is comparatively rare and late.

(c) Nouns designating weights and measures are frequently omitted after the numeral, which, however, is masculine or feminine according to the gender of the omitted noun; e. g., Gen. 24:22; 1 Sam. 10:4; Ruth 3:15.

(d) Certain common nouns stand in the singular with the numerals eleven to nineteen: שנה man, אלף thousand, אום eubit, ככף day, ככף silver, נפש soul, און year, shekel; e. g., Nnm. 1:44; Deut. 1:2; Hos. 3:2; Gen. 46:18.

' (e) But except in the case of the nouns just mentioned in Rem. d, and a few others denoting weight or measure, such as בת bath, כבר talent, כב cor, נרה gerah, the numerals from twenty to ninety, even when they precede the substantive, usually take a noun in the plural; e. g., Num. 11:25; Ezek. 40:17.

(f) These words, however, with the exception of כאה, having no construct, cannot stand in *annexion* with a following substantive.

(g) In dates the nouns אום *מא* וום *month* are frequently omitted; e.g., Gen. 8:5; Ex. 12:3; Deut. 1:3.

Gen. 4:19; 5:26; 8:10, 12; 25:23; 30:36;	Judg. 7:3.	6
31:23	Judg. 11:33	-
Gen. 7:24 · 32:15	Judg. 14:17	
Gen. 8:13; 14:48b.	1 Sam. 13:5; 25:18	.6
Gen. 11:25; 14:4; 17:203	1 Sam. 20:27	8c.
Gen. 18:2; 41:182b.	2 Sam. 2:15	3
Gen. 18:244	2 Sam. 19:44	.9b.
Gen. 23:15	2 Sam. 21:20	9a.
Gen. 43:349b.	1 Kgs. 5:3; 7:2; 18:19	6
Gen. 47:249c.	<b>1</b> Kgs. 7:38	4
Ex. 11:11	2 Kgs. 6:25	9e.
Ex. 12:3	2 Kgs. 18:23	6
Ex. 12:68b.	Isa. 6:2	9a.
Ex. 29:40	Ezek. 40:36	5
Lev. 27:54	Zech. 11:12	4
Num. 7:33	Zech. 13:8	9c.
Num. 11:194	Prov. 6:31	9b.
Deut. 1:231	Job 32:1	2a.
Deut. 4:13	Neh. 8:2	8c.
Deut. 4:41; 19:22b.	1 Chron. 2:22	5
Deut. 22:19	1 Chron. 23:4	6
Josh. 3:12; 4:3	1 Chron. 25:5	2c.
Josh. 4:20	2 Chron. 3:4	4
Josh. 21:32	2 Chron. 11:17	2c.

# II. Use of Tenses and Moods.

16. THE TENSES, IN GENERAL.

1. a. אָל־הָאִשָׁה אָכֵור<sup>1</sup> unto the woman he said.

b. יות לאיש I am too old to be to a husband.

c. דְרָרָך כּוֹכָב מִיּעַקב<sup>3</sup> a star shall proceed from Jacob, etc.

- 2. a. אָאָן יְשָׁיר-משָׁה then sang (proceeded to sing) Moses. [answering him. אָאָן יְשָׁיר-משָׁה יְדַבֵּר וְהָאֲלֹהִים יְשָׁנָנַו סיִשָּה יְדַבֵּר וְהָאָלֹהִים יִשְׁנָנַוּ b. found him in a desert land.
  - b. אָרְאָנוּ וְלֹא עַתָּה I see him but not now.
    I see him but all the first-born of my sons I redeem.
    וְכָלִים תָּשָׁכוּוֹבֵם not set the lips of the wise preserve them.
  - c. עָרְאָה אֲשֶׁר אָאֲעָשֶׁר הַרְאָה אֲשֶׁר אָאֲעָשֶׁר אַאָעָשָׁר הַיִדָּעָשָׁר אַאָעָשָׁר הַיִּדָעָה הַרְאָשָר אַאֲעָשָׁר הַיָּדָ מוּקָר ייִשְשָׁה יְהוֹה הַדְּבָר הַזָּה יִקָבֹל אָעִין־הַגָּן אָכל האכל mayest eat.

ההיה-לי לערה that they may be to me for a testimony.

The Hebrew has, strictly speaking, *two* tenses. These, however, do not correspond to the tenses of the Indo-European languages. The following general statements, based chiefly on the examples cited above, although also in part upon a larger induction, will present, briefly, the peculiarities of the Hebrew tenses :

1. The *Perfect*, used alike of actions or states belonging to the sphere of the past, present, or future, represents the action or state as actually completed (finished), or as conceived of by the writer or speaker as completed. Hence it may be used

1 Gen. 3:16.	<sup>5</sup> Ex. 19:19.	8 Ex. 13:15.	11 Ex. 9:5.
<sup>2</sup> Ruth 1:12.	6 Deut. 32:10.	9 Prov. 14:3.	12 Gen. 2:16.
<sup>3</sup> Num. 24:17.	7 Num. 24:17.	10 Ex. 6:1.	13 Gen. 21:30.
4 Ex. 15:1.			

b. Of actions or states in the present, but regarded as finished."

c. Of actions or states that are yet to happen, but which, for the sake of effect, the writer or speaker describes as having actually taken place or existed.

2. The *Imperfect*, used alike of actions or states belonging to the sphere of the past, present or future, represents the action or state as actually incomplete (unfinished), or as conceived of by the writer or speaker as incomplete. Hence it may be used

a. Of actions belonging to the *past*, but regarded by the writer as incipient or frequentative.

b. Of actions in the *present*, regarded as happening or likely to happen.

c. Of actions in the *future*, and so, whether the idea be that of mere futurity, or of possibility, obligation, purpose or condition, in the strictest sense *unfinished*.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

(1) The tense, therefore, has in itself no indication of the *order* of time; it merely assigns to the action or state a given characteristic, viz., completeness, or incompleteness. The *order* of time, i. e., the sphere of time (whether past, present, or future) of each action or state must be determined from the context.

(2) The Imperfect may perhaps better be described as representing an action as *coming*, or *becoming*, i. e., as in movement. The Perfect, on the other hand, is the tense of *rest*. The former represents the thing as *doing*, the latter represents it as *done*.

(3) The names "Past" and "Future" not only fail to convey the true meaning of the tenses, but carry with them an entirely false conception. The names "Aorist" and "Subsequent" are far better;<sup>1</sup> yet also they fail to cover the respective usages of these tenses. The terms "Perfect" and "Imperfect," while not entirely satisfactory, seem, upon the whole, to be the best. They are, however, to be used in the sense described, viz., "finished," "unfinished."

(4) No effort to translate literally the Hebrew tenses will be successful. It is incorrect to say, e. g., that the literal rendering of Gen. 2:5 is and a mist will go up, etc. The future idea is no more a necessary element in the *Imperfect* tense than in the *Perfect*. Every attempt to follow rigidly the so-called past and future rendering will fail.

<sup>1</sup> Suggested by Prof. Wm. G. Ballantine, D. D., in October HEBRAICA, 1885, pp.53-55.

(5) This peculiarity often appears also in the Greek, e. g.,  $\pi \epsilon i \sigma a \iota$  differs from  $\pi \epsilon i \vartheta \epsilon a \nu$ , and  $\mu \eta \pi \epsilon i \sigma \eta \varsigma$  from  $\mu \eta \pi \epsilon i \vartheta \epsilon$  not as to the sphere of time to which they belong, but as to the character of the act. Both are indefinite as to date; the former, however, is momentary, the latter, continuous.

(6) The distinction indicated by the tenses is not necessarily a real one. It may exist only in the mind of the writer or speaker. He is at liberty, therefore, upon one occasion to describe the action as it really is, upon another, as he for any reason may conceive it to be. Still further, in describing events belonging to the past he may either represent them as they really are, viz., *finished*, or he may, for the sake of rhetorical effect, represent them as taking place before his eyes. In the same series, one event may be described in one way, the second in the other way. In the representation of events belonging to the sphere of the future, the same liberty may be exercised. At times this is puzzling; but, in most eases, the context is a sure guide.

(7) There is danger, of course, that in our effort to analyze the various possible uses of the tenses, we may force into them some significations which they were never intended to convey. Prof. Driver, however, has truly said: "In itself the Perfect (for example) enunciates simply the completion of an act: it is by way of accommodation to the usage of another language that, eliciting its special force from the context, we make the meaning more definite by exhibiting it explicitly, as occasion demands, under the form of an aorist, a perfect, or a present."

# 17. The Perfect, Used of Past Events.

- 1. בְּרָא ה׳׳ אֵת הַשְׁמֵיִם וְאֵת הָאָרָץ God created the heaven and the בְּרָא א׳׳ אֵת הַשְׁמֵיִם וְאֵת הָאָרָץ.
  and Cush begat Nimrod. [earth.
  וּבְנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל פָרוּ
  and the children of Israel were fruitful.
  ישׁרָאָלים מָלַך בִי׳
  three years reigned he in Jerusalem.
- אָיְבוּ אֶת־יְהוְה זֹי they have forsaken Yahweh.
   אָיְבוּ אָת־יְהוְה זֹי לְבָיָה גָּפְגָיַן
   <sup>6</sup> why hath thy countenance fallen?
   יאֲיָשֶׁר שֶׁתוּ עָכְי
   <sup>7</sup> who have set themselves against me.
   אָיָרָחָלָה מַרָּרָי פַרְרָסָלָה
   <sup>8</sup> my loins have become (= are) full of anguish.
- 3. את-שור מי לקחתי whose ox have I taken?

ואת-עשיתי זאת if I have (ever) done this.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:1.	41 Kgs. 15:2.	7 Ps. 3:7.	9 1 Sam. 12:3.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 10:8.	<sup>5</sup> Isa. 1:4.	<sup>8</sup> Isa. 21:3.	10 Ps. 7:4.
3 Ex. 1:7.	6 Gen. 4:6.		

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יתְאֲוַת לְבּוֹ נְתַתְהָה לּוֹ thou hast given him the desire of his heart. 4. מְלָהוֹ אֲשֶׁר עֲשָׁה 's work which he had made. 4. מְלָהוֹה אֶלְהוֹיכָם יַיְהוָה אֶלְהוֹיכָם 3 ye had sinned against Yahweh your God. 4. מָלָהָר לָחָם for he had not caten bread.

The Perfect, designating that which is finished, is used of past events. Here may be distinguished,

1. The *historical* perfect (employed in simple narration), which denotes an action or state completed at or during a particular period in the past. This period, long or short, is fixed by the context. There is no reference to other events.

2. The *present* perfect (or Greek perfect), which denotes an action (not a state) completed in the past, but viewed in relation to the present; in other words, an action resulting in a state.<sup>*a b*</sup>

3. The *indefinite* perfect, which denotes an action completed at some point in the past, which "the speaker is not able or desirous to specify more closely."<sup>c</sup>

4. The *pluperfect*, which denotes a finished action, viewed in relation to some other past action, either already mentioned, or yet to be mentioned.

### REMARKS.

(a) This perfect is frequently to be rendered as a present, though the past should be used wherever it is possible.

(b) The difference between this and the historical [perfect is an important one. The whole interpretation of a passage will turn on the choice made.

(c) While the exact moment is not specified, the limits within which it must fall are often seen from the context.

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 21:3.	<sup>2</sup> Gen. 2:2.	<sup>3</sup> Deut. 9:16. 4 1 Sam. 28:20.
z sam. 18:18	4	J 00 13:10-20
		Job 19:18-20
Judg. 6:28		Job 4:3; 9:4; 37:203
Deut. 2:14		Ps. 48:4 2
Num. 22:33	4	Ps. 30:3; 40:8; 44:3 f1
	1	Ps. 3:8; 44:2 3
Ex 19.40	1	88:7-10
Ex. 2:18; 4:22 (הר)		Ps. 2:1; 5:11; 16:6; 17:5; 22:2; 31:15;
Gen. 32:11		Jer. 2:11a3
Gen. 25:30; 32:11;	; 49:30 f1	Isa. 6:64
	20:18; 34:54	Isa. 5:24 b2
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18. THE PERFECT, USED OF PRESENT EVENTS.

The Perfect, as designating that which is *finished*, is used of events which, indeed, are regarded as completed, yet sustain so close a relation to the present as in many cases to be regarded as belonging to the sphere of the present. Here belong,

1. The *perfect of the immediate past*, which denotes an action finished *at* the moment or *just before* the moment of speaking, and is generally best rendered by our present.

2. The stative perfect, used of verbs expressing a physical or mental state (see *Elements*, § 58. Note 3);<sup>*a* b</sup> here the state or condition is one which, although entered into in the past, or the result of some past activity, is regarded as existing at the time of speaking, and is, consequently, best rendered by the present.<sup>*c*</sup>

3. The *perfect of experience*, used to express truths which have been established by experience, and, hence, generally accepted.<sup>*d*</sup> e

#### REMARKS.

(a) Compare the Latin novi, memini, and the Greek olda.

(b) The most common verbs in this class will be found below in the "References for Study."

(c) It is not to be supposed that the Perfect of these verbs is limited to this usage. They may have, according to the demands of the context, the other uses of the perfect.

(d) With this use of the Perfect may be compared the gnomic aorist of the Greek.

(e) The Imperfect is likewise employed to express general truths, but from a different point of view (§ 21. 3).

1 Gen. 14:22.	4 Gen. 4:9.	6 Gen. 32:11.	<sup>8</sup> Isa. 40:7.
<sup>2</sup> 1 Kgs. 1:35.	5 Num. 11:5.	7 Isa. I:3a.	9 Ps. 33:13.
<sup>3</sup> 2 Chron. 2:12.			

### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 21:26; 27:92	Ps. 7:16; 15:3-5; 24:4; 33:13; 34:11; 37:23;
Ex. 10:3 (כאן)	39:12; 84:43
Sam. 2:1 (שמח)2	Ps. 25:2 (בטה)2
Sam. 2:3-53	Ps. 92:6 (גרל)
1 Sam. 17:101	Ps. 104:24 (רבב ,מלא)2
2 Sam. 16:4; 17:11; 19:301	Ps. 144:4 (רכיה)
Isa. 40:8, 23	Prov. 11:2, 8; 22:12 f
Isa. 55:9 (נבה)	Prov. 20:9 (מהר)2
Ps. 5:6 (x))2	Job 10:15 (צרק)2
	Ruth 1:12 (17)2

# 19. THE PERFECT, USED OF FUTURE EVENTS.

- a. יְלָכֵן גְּלָה עַמִי therefore my people shall go into eaptivity.
   בוֹכָב מִיוְעַקֹב
   ז קרַך בוֹכָב מִיוְעַקֹב
   ז אור גָרוֹל
   גרול אור גָרוֹל
  - b. אָרָבָר עַר־צַוָּאר יַגִּיע and he shall sweep onward into Judah; he shall overflow and pass through; he shall reach even to the neck.

לא יְהֵלּוֹ אוֹרָם חְשֵׁךְ הַשְׁכֵזִים Sor the stars פּרִי-כְוֹכְבֵי הַשְׁכֵזֵים הוּאוֹרָם חְשֵׁךְ הַשְׁכֵזִים of heaven . . . . shall not give their light, the sun shall be darkened, etc.

c. יּוְלָא יַשְׁחֵיתוּ....כִּי־כְיְלְאָה הְאָרֵץ דֵּעָה אָתִרי and they shall do no harm....for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of Y. אָרָבוֹת כִפְּירוֹם נִפְּתְחוּ opened.

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1 Gen. 23:11.

- <sup>2</sup> Gen. 15:18.
- <sup>3</sup> Ps. 20:7. <sup>4</sup> Isa. 5:13.

<sup>5</sup> Num. 24:17. <sup>6</sup> Isa. 9:1. <sup>7</sup> Isa. 8:8. <sup>8</sup> Isa. 13:10. 9 Isa. 11:9. 10 Isa. 24:18. 11 Ps. 6:9 (cf. 10). <sup>12</sup> 1 Sam. 14:10. <sup>13</sup> 1 Sam. 20:22. <sup>14</sup> Gen. 48:6.

<sup>1.</sup> יהַשָּׁרֶה נְתַתְי לָך the field I give (= will give) thec. אריהאת הואת הואת יהואת לורעך נתהי אריהאי הואת.

4. לו קרַגְתִי אָהְכָם אוֹהָם לא הְרַגְתִי אָהְכָם if you had kept them alive, I should not have killed you.

נקינו (גע ג' ג' הותיר לנו...כְּסְרֹם הָייָנו vs a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, etc.

יאָם־לא הַבִיאֹתִיו אָלֵיך....וְחְטָאָתִי if I do not bring him (= shall not have brought) back to thee....then I will bear the blame.

The Perfect, as designating that which is finished, or conceived of as finished, is frequently used of events which belong to the sphere of the future.<sup>a</sup> Here are to be noted,

1. The *perfect of certainty*, used of actions in the future, which the speaker or actor has fully determined to perform; this occurs especially in the statement of promises, decrees, and contracts.

2. The prophetic perfect, really an extension of the Perfect of certainty; this use of the tense portrays boldly and expressively the confidence of the speaker as to the certain occurrence of a yet future event. There may be distinguished,

 $\alpha$ . Cases in which the Perfect is the first verb of a series, the remaining verbs being Perfects of a similar character, or Imperfects with a future meaning.

b. Cases in which the series of verbal forms, while composed chiefly of Imperfects, contains here and there a Perfect which has been inserted "to give variety to the scene, or to confer particular emphasis upon individual traits in it."

c. Cases in which the Perfect is used after 2 in assigning a reason for something which, though still future, is deemed *certain*.

3. The *future-perfect*, which denotes a finished action, viewed in relation to some other action still in the future.<sup>b</sup>

4. The conditional perfect, used in certain forms of conditional sentences (& 48. 6, 7), in which the fulfillment or non-fulfillment of the condition is thus vividly expressed. <sup>c d</sup>

### REMARKS.

(a) The ease with which the Hebrew writer passed from one tense to the other is paralleled only by the difficulty which the modern translator finds in expressing the force of the change.

(b) The auxiliaries *shall have*, or *will have* do not always furnish the best rendering of this construction, there being many cases in which, especially after conjunctions,

<sup>1</sup> Mic. 5:2.	2 Judg. 8:19.	<sup>3</sup> Isa. 1:9.	4 Gen. 43:9.
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the ordinary rendering (has or have) is entirely sufficient; e. g., לי נְרָאָה (Isa. 16:12; Gen. 28:15; 2 Kgs. 4:24).

(c) That the Perfect may also be used to express a *wish*, i. e., as a Precative, is claimed by some grammarians. In accordance with this usage, the following passages are by some explained: 1sa. 26:15; 43:9; Ps. 4:2; 7:7; 10:16; 22:22; 31:6; 57:7; 71:3; 116:16; Job 21:16; 22:18, and a few others. But expositors do not agree on the cases in which this force exists; and nearly every case cited by any writer can be satisfactorily explained in another way.

(d) Of interest, likewise, are those eases in which the Perfect is used in interrogation (1) after such phrases as יוו *ער* מָהַי *till when ? יוו ער* מָהַי *up to where ? e.g.*, Ex. 10:3; Ps. 80:5; and (2) where the speaker desires to represent a thing as highly improbable; e. g., Gen. 18:12; 21:7; Deut. 5:23; Judg. 11:13.

Gen. 17:201	Isa. 46:1 f	2a.
Gen. 30:132c.	lsa. 60:1	.2c.
Ex. 12:171	Jer. 2:26; 13:26	.2a.
Lev. 26:44 1	Jer. 25:38	.2b.
Num. 32:191	Jer. 28:2	.2a.
Deut. 28:45, 623	Jer. 31:14	.1
Judg. 14:184	Jer. 46:14-16	.2a.
Judg. 15:31	Joel 2:10; 4:15	.2b.
1 Sam. 1:28	Amos 5:2	.2a.
1 Sam. 15:21	Mie. 1:9, 12, 16	.2c.
1 Sam. 25:344	Zeph. 1:11	.2c.
2 Sam. 5:24	Zeeh. 9:5	.2c.
1 Kgs. 3:13 1	Zeeh. 11:2	.2c.
Isa. 6:51	Ps. 7:13; 11:2	.2b.
Isa. 9:1-6; 10:28-312a.	Ps. 22:22, 30	.2a.
Isa. 11:8; 13:102b.	Ps. 28:6	.2c.
Isa. 16:12	Ps. 30:12; 36:13.	.2a
Isa. 16:8, 92c.	Ps. 41:4	.2a.
Isa. 16:10; 18:52b.	Ps. 56:14	.2c.
Isa. 21:1	Ps. 59:17	.3
Isa. 23:1, 4, 142c.	Ps. 71:24	.2c.
Isa. 24:4–122a.	Ps. 73:15	.4
Isa. 25:82b.	Ps. 85:11	.2a.
Isa. 34:22c.	Ps. 94:17	.4
Isa. 43:201	Ruth 4:3	.1

## REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

20, The Imperfect, used of Past Events.

a. אַכָר יוֹם אוֹלָר בוֹ perish the day on which I was born.
 יאַכָר יוֹם אוֹלָר בוֹ perish the day on which I was born.
 יְבָסְיָמוֹ the depths covered them.
 יִמְצָאָהוֹ בְּאָרֵץ מִרְבָר
 he found him in a desert land.

	1 Job 3:3.	<sup>2</sup> Ex. 15:5.	3 Dt. 32:10.
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b. אין ישיר-משה then sang (proceeded to sing) Moses.

יוְכָל שִׁיחַ הַשָּׂרָה טְרָהָ בָא' and no shrub of the field was yet in the earth.

או יכולא שחוק פינו then our mouth was filled with laughter.

The Imperfect, designating that which is *unfinished* (developing, moving), is used of events which belong to the sphere of the *past*. Here may be distinguished :<sup>a</sup>

1. The *incipient* (strictly so called) *imperfect*, which represents the action so designated as *beginning* or *in movement*. This usage,

a. Is most common in poetic and prophetic diction, when, presenting the action in the most vivid and lively manner, it is equivalent to our *historical present*.<sup>b c d</sup>

b. Is common in prose with certain particles which mark the point in the past at which the action described was still unconcluded. These particles are *in then*, כרס, הטוע *et.e* 

2. The *frequentative imperfect*, used to express repeated acts, habits or eustoms fgh

## REMARKS.

(a) Certain exceptional cases of the Imperfect used of past time are Gen. 37:7;
Ex. 8:20; Deut. 32:35; 2 Sam. 15:37; 23:10; 1 Kgs. 7:8b; 21:6; 2 Kgs. 13:20; Jer. 52:7; Ezek.
9:4; Job 6:17; Ps. 56:4.

(b) This Imperfect is frequently used in poetry immediately after a Perfect, to indicate the "rapid and instantaneous manner in which the second action is conceived as following the first," e. g., Ex. 15:12, 14; Hab. 3:10; Ps. 37:14f.; 74:14; 77:17.

(c) Just as a prophetic Perfect may be inserted in a series of Imperfects (\$19.2.b), so an Imperfect may be inserted in a series of Perfects, and the description thus be rendered more lively and forceful, e.g., Isa. 9:10; Joel 2:3 ff.; Nah. 2:5.

(d) This Imperfect is also frequently used in *descriptions* instead of the more commonly employed participle, e. g., Gen. 2:10; and in circumstantial clauses, e. g., 2 Sam. 15:37.

(e) ;; is found sometimes with the Perfect; 미것 also, but rarely; e.g., Gen. 4:26; 24:15; Ex. 4:26; 15:15; 1 Sam. 3:7a; Ps. 90:2.

(f) The frequentative use of the Imperfect has its origin as follows: the Imperfect characterizes an action or state as uncompleted. The action thus characterized, may, indeed, be one which has not begun; but, if begun, and in the sphere of the past, it must, unless it be a continuous action, be one which is *repeatedly exercised*. A mere continuous action (see h below) is expressed by the Participle.

1 Ex. 15:1.	<sup>3</sup> Ps. 126:2.	<sup>5</sup> Ps. 55:15.	6 2 Sam. 1:22.
2 Gen. 2:5.	41 Sam. 1:7.		

(g) The incipient and frequentative Imperfect denote actions which are unfinished; they differ, however, in that the former is used only of single acts, the latter of several.

(h) The difference between the usage of the Participle and Imperfect is important: the former represents an action as *continuing without interruption*; the latter as *occurring repeatedly*. In many cases the difference may be difficult to perceive; a close study, however, will invariably show that there is a distinction, it being impossible to substitute one for the other without a change of meaning. "While the Imperfect multiplies an action, the Participle prolongs it; the one presents a series of units, the other, a continuous line."\* Cf. Gen. 29:2; 1 Sam. 2:13 f.; 1 Kgs. 10:22.

## REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 2:101a.	1 Kgs. 3:4; 5:28
Gen. 6:4	Isa. 1:21
Gen. 19:4; 24:451b.	Isa. 6:2
Gen. 30:38; 31:392	Isa. 7:23
Ex. 1:12	Isa. 23:7
Ex. 15:6, 7, 15 1a.	Isa. 26:11
Ex. 19:192	Isa. 43:171a.
Num. 9:16–232	Isa. 45:41a.
Num. 23:71a.	Isa. 51:21 <i>a</i> .
Deut. 32:16, 172	Hab. 3:3, 71a.
Josh. 8:30; 10:12; 22:11b.	Ps. 7:161a.
Josh. 23:102	Ps. 18:4, 7, 211a.
Judg. 2:11a.	Ps. 30:91 <i>a</i> .
Judg. 2:182	Ps. 42:52
Judg. 5:8, 26, 291a.	Ps. 69:51b.
Judg. 6:52	Ps. 95:102
1 Sam. 2:22	Ps. 99:6 f2
1 Sam. 3:3, 7b1b.	Ps. 104:6-8
1 Sam. 9:9	Job 4:12: 10:10 f
2 Sam. 15:37	
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# 21. The Imperfect, used of Present Events.

- 1. אַמיר כָיה־הְבַקָּשׁ saying: What art thou seeking? דְּגָה תְרְאוּ אִישׁ מִשְׁתַגַע so, ye see (the) man is mad. יִתְיַאֲבוּ מַלְבֵי-אָרָץ sings of the earth set themselves.
- 2. "עליכן יאמר וגוי therefore it is said, etc.

ין כְּבָי אָפְדָה and all the first-born of my sons I redeem. גְּפָשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֶב יַנְחֵנִי bose who fear Yahweh, he honoreth.

<sup>\*</sup> Driver's Use of the Tenses in Hebrew, 1881, pp. 41, 42. 1 Gen. 37:15. 3 Ps. 2:2. 6 Ex. 13:15. 7 Ps. 15:4. 2 1 Sam. 21:15. 4 Gen. 10:9 6 Ps. 23:3.

3. וֹכְאָשֶׁר הַאָעָשָׁינָה הַדְּבֹרִים 1 just as bees do.
 בָּאָשֶׁר הַאָעַשָּׁינָה הַדְּבֹרִים 100 אָשָר הַאָעַשָּׁינָה הַדְּבֹרִים 100 אַרָאָר לַלֵּכָב
 ance, but Y. looketh on the heart.
 הַדֶּלֶת הָסוֹב עַל-צִירָה 100 the door turneth on its hinges.
 יִהְעֵב יִיָהָשִי-דְּכִים 100 man Y. abhorreth.
 4. הַדָּכִין זְאֵב יִטְרָף 100 man Y. abhorreth.
 קוון זאַב יִטְרָף 100 man Y. abhorreth.
 קוי אָר מַזָּר הַסוֹב עַל-צִירָה 100 man Y. abhorreth.

The Imperfect, as designating that which is *unfinished* and so *developing* and *moving*, is used of actions or states which belong to the sphere of the *present*. Here we may, for convenience, distinguish,

1. The *incipient* (strictly so called) *imperfect*, which gives more *force* and *vividness* to the action, or represents it as taking place (or beginning to take place), while the words are being spoken.<sup>a</sup>

2. The *definite frequentative*, used of *particular* facts which are accustomed to occur more or less frequently within certain limits of time.

3. The *indefinite frequentative*, used in the statement of facts which may and do occur at any time, and of truths universally admitted.<sup>b</sup>

4. The *adjectival imperfect*, coming strictly under the *indefinite frequentative*, which, with an omitted relative, serves to denote a general attribute of the object with which it is connected.

### REMARKS.

(a) It is not unusual for such an Imperfect to be found in a series of Perfects, referring strictly to the present, thus rendering the style more vivid, as well as more varied; e. g., Isa. 2:8; 9:10; 10:4, 28. Cf. § 20. R. c.

(b) The use of the Imperfect to express "general truths" is to be distinguished from the similar usage of the Perfect of experience (§ 18. 3). The Imperfect emphasizes the idea that the fact or truth is one liable at any time to occur; the Perfect, that it is a permanent and established one, as shown by past experience. The occasional occurrence of both usages in the same verse is sometimes merely for variety, though frequently very significant. Cf. Ps. 2:1 f.; 5:6; 6:7; 7:13 f.; 22:16; 23:5; 26:4, 5; 38:12; Prov. 4:17; 12:12; 28:1; Job 3:17; 11:20.

Gen. 22:14		Josh. 7:12	
Gen. 37:15		Judg. 14:10	
Ex. 18:15	2	1 Sam. 9:6	
Num. 24:17	1	1 Sam. 24:13	
Deut. 28:49		2 Sam. 5:8b	
Deut. 32:11	4	Isa. 1:23	
1 Deut. 1:44.	<sup>3</sup> Prov. 26:14.	5 Gen. 49:27.	6 Isa. 51:12.
21 Sam 16.7	4 Pg 5.7		

Ps. 1:3, 4, 5, 62
Ps. 3:62
Ps. 3:7
Ps. 11:2
Ps. 11:4
Ps. 12:3
Ps. 16:4
Ps. 17:9, 12
Ps. 18:26-28
Ps. 42:2
Ps. 104:11-17
Prov. 10:1, 2, 3, 4
Job 5:2

# 22. The Imperfect, used of Future Events.

- יְכִי־יְרְאוּ אֹתְךְ הַמָּצְרִים when the Egyptians shall see thee.
   יְבָטָה אָרַע כִי אִירְשֶׁנָה shall I know that I shall, etc.
   יְהָיָה פָּרָא אָרָם and he will be a wild-ass of men.
   יְהָיָה הַרֵעַ הְרַע הַרַע הַרַע הַרַע הַרַע הַע בַּרָא אָרָם
- 2. a. הָּשְׁכֵיע חֲלוֹם לְפָתּר fou canst understand a dream to interpret it. איָרַעָתִי כִּי־רַבֵּר יְרַבֵּר הוּא <sup>6</sup> I know that he can speak well. וּרָכָר אֲשֶׁר לא־יִקַבְר
- 3. a. יאַכָּר האָכָל גְּקְנָךְ הֵלֵךְ וְעָכָר הָאָכַל 10 upon thy belly thou shalt go aud dust יולא הָרְצָח...לא הָנָג hou shalt do no murder. . . thou shalt not

  - c. ירַנָא עַכִרָך<sup>15</sup> let now thy servant speak.
  - d. אל-יְחֲטָא הַמֵּלָך בְּעַבְרוּ let not the king sin against his servant. דְלָמָה תַבָּה בַעָרָ וּלְנָיה תַבָּה בַעָרָ מוֹין אַנֹכִי בִּי אֵלָרָ מוּ who am I that I should go?

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 12:12. <sup>2</sup> Gen. 15:8

- 3 Gen. 16:12.
- 4 1 Sam. 12:25. 5 Gen. 41:15.

6 Ex. 4:14. 7 1 Kgs. 8:5. 8 Gen. 2:16. 9 Num. 35:28. 10 Gen 3:14. 11 Ex. 20:14. 12 Gen. 4:7. 13 1 Sam. 20:5. 14 2 Sam. 3:33. <sup>15</sup> Gen. 44:18.
 <sup>16</sup> 1 Sam. 19:4.
 <sup>17</sup> Ex. 2:13.
 <sup>18</sup> Ex. 3:11.

b. אָם־תָּהֶן־לִי אָת־חֲצִי בִיהֶךְ לֹא אָבֹא עָפָּךְ we half thy house, I would not go in with thee.

יָפָגָה אָמ־יוּכַל אִיש לְמְנוֹת אֶת-עַפַר הָאָרֶץ וּם זַרְעָך יָפָגָה if a man could number the dust of the earth, thy seed also could be numbered.

c. אָשָׁר לא יִשְׁכְזעוּ אַשָּׁר לא יִשְׁכְזעוּ they may not understand. יְרָבַזְעַן אֲשֶׁר לא־יִקְרַב יִקורישְׁלֵח יָדוֹ lcst he put forth his hand.

The Imperfect, as designating that which is unfinished, finds its fullest and largest use in describing events which are yet within the sphere of the future. Here we may distinguish :

1. The *future imperfect*, corresponding to our *future*. This is merely an extension of the *incipient* Imperfect (&& **21.** 1; **22.** 1), since future actions are conceived of as events which are to *begin* at some future time.<sup>a</sup>

2. The *potential imperfect*, which denotes

- a. Possibility and capability, usually best expressed by the auxiliaries can, may, or if the action is viewed from the stand-point of the past, by could, might.
- b. Permission and concession, to be rendered in the same way.<sup>b</sup>

3. The *imperative imperfect*, used in presenting ideas which are also expressed by the Imperative, or which are practically equivalent to those expressed by the Imperative :—

- a. Command, prohibition; the latter may be expressed only by the Imperfect, the Imperative never being used with a negative (§ 24. 1. a.).
- b. Obligation, necessity; the exact rendering in these cases must be determined by the demands of the context, e.g., I must sit, I ought to sit, I am to sit, I should sit.
- c. Entreaty, deprecation; these may be distinguished from command, and prohibition, by noting the position of the speaker and his relation to the person or persons addressed. With this belongs the use of the Imperfect in

1 Ex. 5:11.	<sup>3</sup> 1 Kgs. 13:8.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 11:7.	7 Gen. 3:22.
2 Deut. 4:42.	4 Gen. 13:16.	6 Num. 17:5.	

d. Questions implying *deprecation* or *entreaty;*<sup>c d</sup> or perhaps only greater courtesy than would have been expressed by the Perfect.<sup>e</sup>

4. The *subjunctive imperfect;* under which may be classified loosely three or four general usages :

- a. In expressions of *indefiniteness* and *uncertainty* (compare § 23. 2, above);
- b. In certain forms of conditional sentences (248.4, 7.a);
- c. In final sentences after conjunctions, e. g., אָמַעָן, רְמַעָרוּר, נְמַעַרוּר (לָמַעָן, גָּמַעַרוּר), (לָמַעַרוּר 4. b).f

# REMARKS.

(a) It may be sufficient to say that the Imperfect is used to denote future events because they are in the strictest sense incomplete.

(b) The cases belonging under the *potential* Imperfect are to be regarded asIndicatives, since they express independent ideas (cf. § 23. 4. a).

- (c) Compare Josh. 9:8 and Gen. 16:8.
- (d) After איך, מרוע, למה.
- (e) Compare the use of the Perfect in Gen. 40:15; Isa. 43:22.
- (f) On the use of the Imperfect with ) to express purpose, see § 24. 1. e, and 2. d.

# Ex. 5:11......4a. 2 Kgs. 12:5......4a. Ex. 5:15.....1:18......1 Job 4:19......2a. Dt. 12:11......1 Dt. 32:29......4b. Job 7:17......3d.

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# 23. The Jussive, Imperative and Cohortative.

- - b. יְגָל יְעֵקב' Jacob will (be permitted to) rejoice. יְרָעָה אִיש פַרְעָה אִיש יים פור Pharaoh look out a man. יְרֵא פַרְעָה אוֹש ז' and he said to him : Run. יְבַקָשוּ לַארני הַמֵּלֶך נַעָרָה וֹ let them seek for my lord ... a maiden.
  - c. יָשָׁרְטוּ־נָא בֵינִי וְבֵין כַרְכִזי judge now between me and my vineyard. יאַל־נָא יָחַר לַארֹנָי וּחַר לַארֹנָי דְרָארֹנָז וווי let thy servant remain, I pray.
  - d. יְבָרָכְךָ י׳ מִצְיּוֹן וּרְאָה בְטוּב יְרוּשָׁלָם <sup>12</sup> Yahweh bless thee out of Zion and see thou the good of Jerusalem. בּחִים פַּחִים יוֹ<sup>13</sup> upon the wicked, he shall rain snares. וֹיְמִשׁוֹ וֹחִיוֹ<sup>14</sup> If ye do this, then ye shall live.
  - e. אָשֶׁת-חַשָּׁך וִיהִי לְיָלָה<sup>15</sup> appoint darkness—then shall be night. ז'קוָה ליהוה וִישָׁע לָך wait on Yahweh that he may save thee.
- 2. a. אַמָן אַנְדְלָה שְׁמָן <sup>זי</sup> and I will make great thy name. אַגָּלְכָה עַד-בָּה

  - c. גאָעָלָה־נָא וְאָקְבְּרָה <sup>21</sup> let me go up, I pray, and bury.
    c. גא דָרָך שָׁלִשָׁת יָכױס
    2<sup>2</sup> we would fain go three days' journey.
  - d. אָרָי וְאָכְלָה אוֹים and bring it to me and I will (that I may) eat. אישאל כְּמֵנִי וָאָתוָם<sup>24</sup> ask of me that I may give.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:3.

- <sup>2</sup> Ex. 20:12.
- <sup>3</sup> Dt. 15:3.
- 4 Jer. 7:6.
- <sup>5</sup> Ps. 14:7. <sup>6</sup> Gen. 41:33

7 2 Sam. 18:23. 8 1 Kgs. 1:2. 9 Isa. 5:3. 10 Gen. 18:30.

- <sup>11</sup> Gen. 44:33.
- 12 Ps. 128:5.

<sup>14</sup> Gen. 42:18.
 <sup>15</sup> Ps. 104:20.
 <sup>16</sup> Prov. 20:22.
 <sup>17</sup> Gen. 12:2.
 <sup>18</sup> Gen. 22:5.

13 Ps. 11:6.

<sup>19</sup> Ps. 31:8.
 <sup>20</sup> Ps. 2:3.
 <sup>21</sup> Gen. 50:5.
 <sup>22</sup> Ex. 3:18.
 <sup>23</sup> Gen. 27:4.
 <sup>24</sup> Ps. 2:8.

אָם־אָרַבְּרָה לֹא־יָחֲשֵׁךְ כְאָרִי וְאָחְדְּלָה מֵהּ־מִנִי יְחֲלֹךְ speak, my grief is not assuaged, and though I forbear, what departeth from me.

The simple Imperfect, in the majority of instances, is an *indicative*. That it may also be used with the force of an *imperative* or *subjunctive*, has been shown in § 22. 3. There are, however, certain special forms<sup>a b c d</sup> of the Imperfect, the Jussive and Cohortative, which *always* convey some such force. These forms, it may be said, express "a motion of the will," and hence may be joined together under the head of "voluntative." With the "voluntative" Imperfect, there may be classified for syntactical purposes the *Imperative*. We may distinguish as follows :—

1. The Jussive, used of the second and third persons,<sup>e</sup> and the Imperative, used only of the second, denote, in general, a strong desire that something should happen f They may express

- a. A positive *injunction* or *command*; the Jussive, but not the Imperative, may also express *prohibition.ghijk*
- b. Permission to do a thing, advice, or suggestion.
- c. Entrcaty, or simple petition.
- d. Benediction, imprceation, threatening.
- e. Conditional or final ideas.

2. The *Cohortative*, used only of the *first* person<sup>l</sup> (sg. or pl.), emphasizes the *direction* of the will, the intention or purpose.<sup>m n</sup> It is employed, therefore,

- a. To mark a strong determination to do a given thing (expressed by *I will*).
- b. To indicate a self-excitement toward a certain line of conduct (expressed by *let me*).
- c. To express a wish or request.
- d. In subordinate *final* sentences (cf. 1. e. above), and in conditional sentences (§ 48. R (i)).

## REMARKS.

(a) See Elements of Hebrew, § 72.1, 2.

(b) While, therefore, the ordinary form of the Imperfect may have the force of an Imperative or Subjunctive, the special forms must have that force. In many grammatical forms there is no possible way of distinguishing the ordinary and the special form, e. g.,  $\Im \mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{G}$ , may mean he will kill, he shall kill, let him kill.

(c) The shortened form of the *Jussive*, corresponding to the Arabic *Jussive*, is accounted for by the fact that the form is one of command and hence pronounced rapidly.

<sup>1</sup> Job 16:6.

(d) The special form of the Cohortative (marked by the syllable  $\overline{n_{+}}$ ) corresponds to the Arabie *Energetic*, the nature of which is indicated by its name.

(e) A few cases of the Jussive of the first person are found, e.g., Dt. 18:16; 1 Sam. 14:36.

(f) The Jussive and likewise the Imperative are often found in poetry where the ordinary form would have been expected. This anomalous usage is to be explained not upon the supposition that the mood has here lost its original force, but that the poet saw fit, for the sake of vividness and variety, to represent a given act under the form of a command, rather than in the usual manner. Cases of this usage in the second person are found in Ps. 41:3; 65:14; 98:7; 104:19; 114:3-7; Isa. 2:9; 13:2; 23:1, 4; 35:1 f.; 40:3, 9; 54:14; 57:14; 62:10. Cases of the same usage which may be said to be expressive of emotion in the third person, are found in Ps. 11:6; 12:4; 34:6; 50:3; 66:7; 72:8, 13, 16, 17; 85:14; 121:3; Jer. 46:6; 51:3; Zeeh. 9:5; 10:7.

(g) In prohibition, (1) in the second person, the ordinary Imperfect takes אל and means thou shalt not, the Jussive takes אל and means do not; (2) in the third person, the ordinary Imperfect takes אל and means he shall not, the Jussive takes אל and means let him not; rarely the Jussive takes לא e.g., לא

(h) The Cohortative Imperative (*Elements of Hebrew*, § 72, 3) emphasizes the earnestness of the request, marking it as especially impressive, e. g., Dt. 26:15; Ps. 6:5.

(i) When several verbal forms expressing command would follow in succession, three usages exist: (1) The use of successive Imperatives, e.g., Gen. 1:22; 22:2; Isa. 1:16;
(2) the use of the Imperative for the first, and of ordinary Imperfects for the remaining forms, e.g., Dt. 33:7; (3) the use of the Imperative for the first and of the Perfect with Waw Consecutive for the remaining forms, e.g., Gen. 6:14.

(*j*) When several successive commands are made, of which one or more are in the first or third persons, the latter must of necessity be expressed by the Imperfect, e.g., Gen. 24:56; Dt. 9:14; Jer. 51:9.

(k) The interchange of the Imperative and the Imperfect (2d pers.), in the expression of command, occurs without perceptible force; the only gain being that of variety.

(l) A few cases of the Cohortative of a third person occur: Isa. 5:19 (twice); Ezek. 23:20; Prov. 1:20; 8:3. In the last three cases it does not seem to have any significance.

(m) Notice is to be taken here of the fact that a form *like* that of the Cohortative occurs frequently with the Wāw Consecutive; it is not to be regarded, however, as a Cohortative; Gen. 32:6; 1 Sam. 2:28 and in all about ninety times.

(n) Cases in which the volition indicated by  $\neg_{\neg}$  is so controlled by outward circumstances as almost to become an involuntary action are found in Ps. 42:5, 10; 55:3, 18; 77:4, 7; Job 10:1; Isa. 38:10; 59:10; Jer. 3:25. Perhaps in some cases the  $\neg_{\neg}$  cohortative, like the  $\neg_{\neg}$  directive, has entirely lost its original force, Ps. 88:16; Jer. 4:19, 21.

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Gen. 12:21e.	Gen. 50:5 2c.
Gen. 12:131c.	Ex. 10:1, 12, 211a.
Gen. 13:92d.	Ex. 23:11a.
Gen. 13:152a.	Lev. 10:91 <i>a</i> .
Gen. 22:52c.	Num. 9:82a.
Gen. 24:2lc.	Num. 11:132c.
Gen. 27:71c.	Dt. 9:27
Gen. 30:28, 312d.	Dt. 10:11a.

Deut. 12:202a.	Isa. 1:161a.
Deut. 13: 3,142b.	Isa. 1:182b.
Deut. 20:51b.	Isa. 5:31c.
Deut. 28: 8; 33:61d.	Isa. 23:11d.
Judges 11: 17,192c.	Isa. 41:22,23,262d.
1 Sam. 2:101d.	Mic. 1:82a.
1 Sam. 15:161c.	Hab. 3:17,18
2 Sam. 12: 8; 17: 32d.	Job 6:8-102d.
2 Sam. 16:9; 17:1; 24:14	Γs. 2:32b.

# 24. The Imperfect, with Waw Consecutive.

ייייין בא....יייין און א מון א מי

- c. "אָרָלְנוּ וַהְהִי הַמִּשְׂרָה עֵל־שָׁרְכוֹ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁכוֹ וֹגו". for to us a child shall be born; and the dominion shall be upon his shoulder, and one shall call his name, etc.

ינֹצְרִים בָּאִים מֵאָרֶין הַמָּרְחָק וַיִּהְנוּ....קוֹלָם watchmen come from a distance, and shall lift up their voice.

REMARK.—In reference to the substitution of the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive for the Perfect, three general statements may be made :

(1) In uninterrupted narrative in which the first verb is a Perfect, or some equivalent of the Perfect, the verbs following are *regularly* in the Imperfect<sup>a</sup> with Wāw Consecutive,<sup>b</sup> unless they are separated from the conjunction by intervening words.<sup>c</sup>

11 Sam. 1:18.	4 Ex. 4:22,23.	7 1 Sam. 2:6.	10 Isa. 9:5.
2 Gen. 32:31.	5 Ps. 144:3.	8 2 Sam. 19:2.	11 Jer.4:16.
3 Gen. 24:62,63.	6 Isa. 40:24.	<sup>9</sup> Ps. 80:9.	

(2) The expression for and-he-called being, therefore, וַיְקָרָא, the form cannot be used in this sense; see, however, § 26. 2.

(3) From the instances cited above, it will be seen that the introductory verbal form may, under certain circumstances, be an Imperfect, or a Participle; in some cases even a noun is employed, and in others, *no* governing word of any kind precedes.

We may now consider the more important details:

1. The Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive is found, like the Perfect, for which it is a substitute,

a. To describe events or conditions belonging to the sphere of the past (& 17. 1-4), whether as a historical Perfect, a present Perfect, an indefinite Perfect, or a Pluperfect;<sup>d</sup> in these cases it is the continuation of a Perfect.

b. To describe events or conditions belonging to the sphere of the present (§ 18.1-3), whether as a Perfect of the immediate past, a stative Perfect, or a Perfect of experience; in these cases it is the continuation of a Perfect, or a Participle, or a nominal expression, or even an Imperfect which refers to the present.

c. To describe events belonging to the sphere of the future; it assumes here the usage of the prophetic Perfect (\$19.2). Two cases are, however, to be distinguished:

- that in which the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive, having this usage, is preceded by a prophetic Perfect.<sup>e</sup>
- (2) that in which it is not so preceded; this occurs when the writer desires to introduce a prophetic Perfect for variety, but, at the same time, wishes to connect it with what precedes.<sup>f</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) On the form of the Imperfect which is thus used with the Wāw Consecutive, see Elements of Hebrew, § 73.

(b) Various theories have been presented in explanation of the form of the conjunction,  $\cdot_1$ . Ewald's view, that the vowel and Dāghēš-forte were the relics of some particle like  $i \times j$ , seems most satisfactory.

(c) For the explanation of the use of the tense in this connection, Professor Driver says: "The Imperfect (from the point of view of the spectator) expresses what in German is called *Eintritt*, and represents action, as *eintretend*—two terms which may be rendered in English by *ingress* and *ingressive*. A succession of events need not invariably be regarded as a mere series of completed and independent wholes: each term may be conceived as having relations with the one preceding it; it may be viewed as *stepping in* after it, as presenting itself to view through an entrance prepared by its forerunner. The date at which the ingress, or entry, is imagined to take place is determined by the  $\cdot$ 1, which connects the new event with a point previously assigned in the narrative: the goal at which it sets out, the starting-point from which it takes its origin, and to which therefore it is *relative*, is fixed at the termination of the action denoted by the preceding verb."—*Hebrew Tenses*, p. 85.

(d) Two comparisons may be considered here with profit: (I) In Assyrian there are two forms of the Imperfect, differing only slightly from each other, and both etymologically connected with the Hebrew Imperfect; of these the first represents an action as continuing, whether in past, present, or future; the second is the usual narrative tense, equivalent to the Greek Aorist, e. g., id din (= in-din), the etymological equivalent of [ $n_{i}$ ], always means he gave, while [ $n_{i}$ ] has this meaning only when preceded by a Wāw Consecutive. (2) In Arabie, there are not a few cases in which the Imperfect is used in the sense of an Aorist, e. g., ya-qum, the etymological equivalent of  $n_{i}$ , when preceded by the negative adverb lam means he did not stand; is so translated only when the Wāw Consecutive precedes.

(c) Some assert that an Imperfect with Wāw Cousec. may be used as a Pluperfect without any preceding Perfect, e. g., וְאָיָרָר , Isa. 8:3; וְיָבֹאוּ , 37:5; but this may well be doubted.

(f) Having introduced his thought by a *prophetic* Perfect, the writer may continue it in one of four ways: (I) by an Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive; (2) by changing abruptly to the Imperfect used in a future sense; (3) by a Perfect, the connective "and" being omitted; (4) by a Perfect, the connective "and" being separated by certain words from the verb.

(g) This is of course rare and limited to prophetic usage; according to Professor Driver (p. 114) the only cases are Isa. 2:9; 5:15f.; 9:10-15; 59:15b-17; Ezek. 28:16; 31:12; Jer. 4:16; 15:6b-7; 51:29; Ps. 64:8-10; 94:23; but some of these are doubtful.

- 2. a. יוָרָרָרָרָיַן מוּ Cain rose up and slew him. בּוָיָשָׁבוּ וַיְבָאוּ אָל-בֵּיהָם and they returned and came unto their house.
  - b. אָתרקוֹלְך שְׁכֵיְעָתִי וְאִירָא...וְאַחְבָא I heard thy voice in the garden, and so was afraid and hid myself.

and so I took her to be my wife.

c. יְהָשָׁכֵזע עָם קוֹל א׳ did ever a people hear the voice of God, and yet live ?

אָהַבְהִי אֶהְכֶם. וְאָמַרְהָם<sup>6</sup> I loved you. . and yet ye say. [is dead.

d. יאָשָׁה־אַלְמָנָה אָנִי וַיְנָק ת אִישִׁי I am a widow, for my husband וּתִקְרָא שְׁמוֹ משָׁה וַתָּאָמָר אַ מָישׁ said, etc.

e. ויאכר ויברכהו: ויאכר and he blessed him; and he said, etc.

1 Gen. 4:8.	s Gen. 3:10.	⁵ Dt. 4:33.	7 2 Sam. 14:5.	
21 Sam. 1:19.	4 Gen. 12:19.	6 Mal. 1:2.	8 Ex. 2:10.	
9 Gen 27: 23,24.				

ויאָטָר אַלֵיהָם I and they hated him all the more;

and he said, etc.

f. יְקָרְשָׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִכְחָרָן יוֹש יִשְׁרָאֵל וויַבְחָרָן יוֹש יוּשְׁרָאֵל וויַבָּחָרָן יוים יישׂרָאָל געט זיים אווי לאפ.

אַבֹּהָיָנוּ : ..... הַהְּלָאָה.... the travail..... how our fathers descended.

g. אַשֶׁר בְּמַחֲנֵה פְלִשְׁתִים וַיַּלֶך הָלוֹך and the sound which was in the camp of the P. (and it) went on continually.

יַיָען אָת-דְבַר־׳׳ וַיָּאָקָדָ $^{5}$  because thou hast despised the word of Y., therefore he hath despised thee.

אָם־לא יִשְׂרָעו ווָיָרָעו ווּ if they are not satisfied, then they stay all night.

2. The use of the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive marks some kind of connection, or relation with that portion of the narrative which precedes. This relation may be that of

- a. Chronological sequence; in this case the force is expressed by the simple conjunction and.
- b. Consequence; in this case the force may be expressed by and so.
- c. Contrast; in this case the force may be expressed by and yet.
- d. Accessory circumstance, when something passed over is afterwards brought in; here the force of the conjunction may best be rendered by *for*, or *since*.
- e. Amplification, when, after a general statement has first been made, the particulars of the case are added.
- f. Explanation of a preceding expression or word; here the conjunction must be rendered by a relative pronoun, or by that or how.
- g. Apodosis, the protasis being either a noun in the nominative absolute (§ 7.), or a complete conditional clause; here the conjunction must either be omitted, or rendered by some such word as then or therefore.<sup>a,b,e</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) In quite a number of cases the action expressed by the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive is really parallel or synchronous with what goes before; e.g., Gen. 5:5; 1 Sam. 14:25b,49; Isa. 39:1; 64:4.

<sup>3</sup> Num. 20:14,15. 4 1 Sam. 15:23. <sup>5</sup> 1 Sam. 14:19. <sup>6</sup> Ps. 59:16.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 37:5,6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Isa. 49:7.

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(b) In other eases the Imperfect with Waw Consecutive introduces an amplification not of any particular preceding verb, but of the entire preceding narrative, considered as a whole; thus furnishing what is practically a parallel account; e.g., 1 Sam. 9:1; 1 Kgs. 7:13.

(c) It is only fair to ask how far some of these usages are to be explained as due to the combining, by a reviser or editor, of two or more distinct narratives into one.

- 3. a. וויקרא א' לאור יום וילחשָך בָרָא א' ג'יָרָה and God called the light day, and the darkness he called night.
  - אָרָרָא אירו בְּרָא אירו בְּרָא אירו בְּרָא אירו מוּ God created ...., in the image of God created he him.
  - b. אויך אַם בַּשְׁמַיִם י׳ וּעָרְיון יְהֵזְ קוֹלוֹ and Y. thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice.

יקי נְקָרָים יַשְׂפִיקוּ לאוּ מִקָּרָם...וּבְיַלְרֵי נְכְרִים יַשְׂפִיקוּ from the east, and they strike hands with the children of strangers.

4. '<u>י</u>וָקוּא הַהָּוא וַיּאָכֶר אַ<sup>5</sup> and it came to pass at that time that Abimelech said.

יְיָבָא ק'<sup>6</sup> and it came to pass at the end of days that Cain brought, etc.

יוִיְהָי בִּימֵי אַמְרָבָּל...; אָמְרָבָּל...; אָמְרָבָּל...; אָמָרָבָּל...; אָמָרָבָּל...; אָמָרָבּימי Amraphel....they made war.

יוָהָנָה הַשָּׁטָש בָּאָה....וְהָנָה and it came to pass the sun had gone down....and behold.

5. אַקָרָא וֹאָקָרָא s I lifted up my voice and cried. [me. יבָיָר וַיָּבָא לִי ihat hath taken venison and brought it to

3. When for any reason one or more words intervene between the Imperfect and its conjunction,

a. In prose, the verb invariably goes back to the Perfect; for the whole force of the construction seems to rest upon the union of the verbal form and the conjunction; but

 <sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:5.
 4 Isa, 2:6.
 7 Gen. 14:1.
 9 Gen. 39.18.

 2 Gen. 1:27.
 5 Gen. 21:22.
 8 Gen. 15:17.
 10 Gen. 27:33.

 3 Ps. 18:4.
 6 Gen. 4:3.

b. In poetry, the verb is frequently found still remaining in the Imperfect, thus adding vividness and force to the narrative, in accordance with the principle explained in  $\gtrless$  20.1. a.

4. Notice is to be taken of the frequent occurrence of the preparatory formula *וְיָרָוֹ and it happened, and it was*, to introduce adverbial and especially temporal clauses. This usage, while not universal, prevails largely in the earlier books. The following verb may be either Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive, a Perfect, or, when the context demands, an Imperfect. Frequently, also, the sentence is resumed by וְׁתְּבָרָה, or by with the subject of the verb.

5. The Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive is used to continue a sentence introduced by an Infinitive or Participle. This occurs, in contrast with the parallel usage of the Perfect, with Wāw Consecutive (§25.5), when that which is described by the Infinitive or Participle is something real or definite, rather than contingent or indefinite.

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Josh. 4:91b.
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Judg. 16:232d.
1 Sam. 7:12; 18:112d.
1 Sam. 8:8; 15:172f.
1 Sam. 28:1,24
2 Sam. 3:82c.
2 Sam. 11:1; 15:1; 21:14
2 Sam. 19:2 1b.

# 25. The Perfect, with Waw Consecutive.

1. a. ... וְאָר יְעָלָה.... וְאָר יְעָלָה... וְהָשָׁקָה... ווּהשָׁקָה... ווּאָר יִעָלָה.... the....

and they bore to them. [it....

הָוָרַע אָת־וָרָעָך וְהִשְׁקִית thou usedst to sow thy seed and water

b. אַעל־בּן יִיַעוָב־אִישׁ....וְדְבַק therefore a man forsakes....and cleaves....

קראני ובְחַגָּהָ לִבִי fou seest me and triest my heart. קאָבָל הא׳ וְאָכְיַל כָל־יוֹשָׁב<sup>6</sup> the earth mourns, and every inhabitant fainteth.

c. (1) יוא׳ מחל אנוי גָּרוֹל וְנְכְרְכוּ כוֹ and Abraham will become a great nation, and (all the nations of the earth) will be blessed in him.

ישָׁא אֶת-ראשָך וְהַשְׁיָבְך וְנָתַתָ כוֹס-פַּרְעָה בְּיָרוֹ lift up thy head and restore thee, and thou wilt place the cup of Pharaoh in his hand.

יָּנְכוֹן יְהְיָה הַר...בְרֹאשׁ הֶהְרִים וְגִשְׂא וְגְהַרוּ...כָל־הַגוֹיִם the mountain.....will be established at the top of the mountains, and will be lifted up...., and all nations will flow.

יהָרְבֵיתָי אֹתוֹ וְהְפְרֵיתְי. וְהָרְבֵיתִי זּוֹ I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him.

יהְנְגִי מֵבִיא אֶת-הַמֵּבּוּל....ןהַקְמִתִי<sup>11</sup> behold, I am going to bring the flood...., but I will establish, etc.

(2) ווי מארות... וְהָיוֹ let there be luminaries...and let them be. גערות וויין גערו גערות גער

1 Gen. 2:6. 2 Gen. 6:4. 3 Deut. 11:10. 4 Gen. 2:24. <sup>5</sup> Jer. 12:3. <sup>6</sup> Hos. 4:3. <sup>8</sup> Gen. 40:13. 9 Isa. 2:2. 10 Gen. 17:20. <sup>11</sup> Gen. 6:17,18. <sup>12</sup> Gen. 1:14. <sup>13</sup> Ex. 5:7.

<sup>7</sup> Gen. 18:18.

יאַל־נָא הִקְבְרֵנִי בְמ׳ וְשֶׁכַבְתְוֹ do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie.

אַלַקְטָה־נָא וְאָסַפְתַּי let me glean, now, and gather. גַקרְבָה...וְלַנוּ בַגִבְעָה<sup>3</sup> let us draw near and lodge in Gibeah.

- (4) יְלָכֵעַן יְיָטַב-לִי... וְחְיְהָה נַפְּשִׁי that it may be well with me ....and my soul may live.

אָלְבָען אָלְכוּ וְבְיְבָעוֹ אוֹרָשׁוּ וְגָיְבָרוּ וְגָוֹקְשׁוּ וְגָלְבָּרוּ אוּ that they may go and stumble....and be broken and snared and taken.

יָרוֹ וְלָכָח...וָחַי lest he put forth his hand and take and live.

REMARK.—In reference to the substitution of the Perfect with Wāw Consecutive for the Imperfect, Imperative, etc. (cf. the corresponding construction § 24.), three general statements may be made :

(1) In uninterrupted narration in which the first verb is an Imperfect, an Imperative, or some expression possessing the characteristics of these forms, the verbs following are regularly in the Perfect<sup>*a*</sup> with Wāw Consecutive, unless they are separated from the conjunction<sup>*b*</sup> by intervening words.<sup>*c*, *a*</sup>

(2) The expression for and-he-will-call being therefore וְקָרָא), the form וְקָרָא) cannot be used in this sense; see, however, § 26.2.

(3) From the instances cited above and below, it will be seen that the introductory verbal formula may be an Imperfect, Imperative, Participle; that in some cases even a noun may be employed, and, in others, no governing word of any kind precedes.

We may now consider the more important details:

1. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive is found (with a preceding Imperfect or equivalent) like the Imperfect (or Imperative, or Participle), for which it is a substitute,

a. To describe events or conditions belonging to the sphere of the past (& 20. 2), especially as a *frequentative* Imperfect.

1 Gen. 47:29.	4 Lev. 1:2.	6 Gen. 8:17.	<sup>8</sup> Isa. 28:13.
2 Ruth 2:7.	<sup>5</sup> Ex. 3:16.	7 Gen. 12:13.	9 Gen. 3:22.
3 Jud 19.13			

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b. To describe events or conditions belonging to the sphere of the present (§ 21.1-3), whether as an incipient, definite frequentative, or indefinite frequentative Imperfect.

c. To describe events belonging to the sphere of the *future* (**222**. 1-4); whether (1) after an Imperfect, Participle, or *prophetic* Perfect, as a *future* Imperfect; (2) after a jussive or cohortative Imperfect; (3) after an Imperative; (4) after a subjunctive Imperfect expressing purpose.<sup>e,f</sup>

### REMARKS.

(a) On the form of the Perfect when thus used, and especially on the change of accent which takes place, see *Elements of Hebrew*, § 73.

(b) On the form of the conjunction when thus used see Elements of Hebrew, § 73.

(c) In explanation of this use of the Perfect three points may be considered: (1) that the idiom corresponds to and was called forth by the opposite construction of the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive;\* (2) that "the usage rests originally upon a 'play of the imagination,' in virtue of which an action, when brought into relation with a preceding occurrence as its *consequence*, from the character of inevitability it then assumes, is contemplated as actually completed;"<sup>+</sup> (3) "that the consciousness of this relation is to be conceived as essentially dependent upon union with Wāw, of which union the change of tone (where not hindered from taking place by external or accidental causes) is the inseparable criterion and accompaniment," the Wāw appearing really in this connection to possess a demonstrative significance, and being equivalent to then or so (cf. Gen. 3:5).<sup>‡</sup>

(d) In Assyrian the Perfect has been greatly narrowed (or has not been developed) in its usage, and presents no analogy to the construction under consideration. In Arabic the Perfect after the conjunction 'adha *when, as often as,* is said to take the meaning of the Imperfect.

(e) It is to be noted that the exact modal force of the preceding dominant verb, characterizes also the following Perfect with Wāw Consecutive; in other words, the particular auxiliary used in translating the first verb, *will, should, let,* must also be used with the second.

- 2. מ. גָאָשִׁים עַל הָעָם ....וְשְׁבְטוּ אֶת הָעָם ....אָת הָעָם ....אָת הָעָם ....אָת הָעָם ....אָת הָעָם .....
  and he made them heads over the people....and they used to judge the people....but the weighty matters they used to bring.... [....and judge.
  ....וְשָׁבַּט and he would go....and come around

ילא יָלַרְתְ וְהָרִית וְיָלַרְתְ וֹשָרִית וְיָלַרְתְ וֹשָׁליא יֹלא יַלַרְתָ ווְיָלַרְתָ conceive and bear [your heart.

- c. וְמַלְהֶם אֶת־עָרְלַת לְבַבְכָם therefore circumcise the foreskin of אַמָרְהָן אָבָרְהָן אָבָרְהָן אַבָּהָם אָת־עָרְלַת לְבַבְכָם of say unto them.
  וּאָמַרְהָן אָהַרְהָן therefore love thou Yahweh.
  אַרָחַרָה בַחַיִּים לִמַעָן הָּחִיָּה
  so choose life, that thou mayest live.
- d. הַכְּיָרַבָּר אֵלַיִין אָלי. אָלַיים או that speaketh to thee...bring him to me.

'יקר הני נובר אבל אבל אבל אבל הני ניקר הני <sup>10</sup> everyone cating leavened bread, that soul shall die.

יוּבְּיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמְנוּ וְנִפְקְחוּ אֵינֵיכֶם in the day of your eating from it your eyes will be opened.

ודעהם at evening, then ye shall know.

אתי וקרבתם אתי I die, ye shall bury me.

רָבְי יִשָּאָרְך בְנָק....וְאָבִרְהָ וֹשָׁאָרְך בְנָק....thou shall ask thee....thou shalt say.

לית זְכַרְתַּגִי....וְאָשִיּתְ־נָא חֲחֶקָר if thou rememberest me...then do me a kindness. [bring the man?

3. אַלָּאִיש וּכַּזָה־נָבִיא לָאִיש 1<sup>6</sup> but behold, (if) we go, what shall we ויַבָּר וּבַזה־נָבִיא לָאִיש 1<sup>7</sup> if we sacrifice...., will they not stone us ?

1 Ex. 18:26. 21 Sam. 7:16. 3 Gen. 26:22. 4 Judg. 13:3.

5 Deut. 10:16.

7 Deut. 11:1. 8 Deut. 30:19. 9 2 Sam. 14:10.

6 Zech. 1:3.

<sup>11</sup> Gen. 3:5. <sup>12</sup> Ex. 16:6. <sup>13</sup> 1 Kgs. 13:31.

10 Ex. 12:15.

14 Deut. 6:20,21. 15 Gen. 40:14. 16 1 Sam. 9:7. 17 Ex. 8:22. 2. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive is frequently found without a preceding Imperfect (or equivalent) to introduce it. Here we may distinguish several usages:

a. When the Perfect (with Wāw Consecutive) is equivalent to a *frequentative* Imperfect; in such cases the verbal form, but for its connection with what precedes, would have been in the Imperfect.<sup>*a,b*</sup>

b. When it is equivalent to an ordinary future Imperfect.

c. When it is equivalent to an Imperative expressing a command or entreaty.

d. When it is used in the apodosis of a conditional sentence, the protasis being expressed either by a Participle, an Infinitive, a finite verb (Perf. or Impf.), or a noun.<sup>c, d</sup>

3. When for any reason one or more words intervene between the Perfect and its conjunction, the verb goes back to the Imperfect.<sup>c</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) It will be noted that, in such passages, an Imperfect is frequently found in connection with the Perfect (with Wāw Consecutive), e. g., in Ex. 18:26, יביאון and יביאון .

(b) Notice also the series of Perfects in Josh. 15:3-11; 16:2,3,6,7,8; 17:9; 18:12-21, etc.

(c) Here ) has a demonstrative force; cf. the use of fa in Arabic.

(d) Notice the use of the Perfect with Wāw demonstrative after a Participle, Judg. 7:17; 1 Kgs. 2:2; 18:11,12; 20:36; 2 Kgs. 7:9, etc.

(e) There are very few cases of this, nearly all being cited by Driver, p. 181.

4. a. וְנְרְאֲהָה הַעַנְיֹ עְנָן יוֹה הַעָנָי עָנָן and it shall be when I bring clouds ....then shall be seen....

יקים and it shall be in the end of days.

b. יוָרָיָה בָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה הָאְהֵלָה יוֹר and it used to be when Moses entered the tent there would come down.

יי וְעָלָה מ' אָם זָרַע י' וְעָלָה מ' and it used to happen when Israel had sown that Milian would come up.

5. האיש ומת the smiter of a man and he dies.

היוֹצָא וְנָבֵּל עֵל הַכַשְׂרִים he that goeth forth and falleth upon.. יְכָלֶכְהְך וְנִפְלִינוּ in thy going forth with us and we are separated. גְּהָנַגָר עָכִיך וְשָׁכוּ s when thy people are smitten and turn.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 9:14.	<sup>3</sup> Ex. 33:7.	<sup>5</sup> Ex. 21:12.	7 Ex. 33:16.
<sup>2</sup> Isa. 2:2.	4 Jud. 6:3.	6 Jer. 21:9.	81 Kgs. 8:33.

4. Notice is to be taken of the frequent occurrence of the preparatory formula (cf. יְהָיָה (cf. יְהָיָה) (cf. יְהָיָה) (cf. יְהָיָה) (cf. יָהָיָה) (cf. יָה) (cf.

a. The cases in which [r;r] has the force of a *future*.

b. The cases in which it has a frequentative force.

5. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive is used to continue a sentence introduced by an Infinitive or Participle. This occurs, in contrast with the parallel usage of the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive (§24.5), when that which is described by the Infinitive or Participle is something contingent or indefinite rather than real or definite.

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Gen. 6:14; 12:3; 19:19; 28:3lc.	Jud. 2:182a.
Gen. 12:12; 27:404a.	Jud. 4: 20; 7:17; 9: 334a.
Gen. 17:42b.	Jud. 11:82c.
Gen. 24:142c.	1 Sam. 1:3; 13:21; 16:232a.
Gen. 29: 2,31a.	1 Sam. 2:312d.
Gen. 30:41	1 Sam. 6:7; 12:20; 15;31c.
Gen. 38: 94b.	2 Sam. 11:151c.
Ex. 1:10; 7:15, 26; 19:23; 23:291c.	2 Sam. 12:31; 14:26; 17:172a.
Ex. 1:165.	2 Sam. 14:72b.
<b>Ex.</b> 4:21; 9:19; 30:33,382d.	1 Kgs. 14:281a.
Ex. 6:62b.	2 Kgs. 12:15-171a.
Ex. 17:11; 1\$:262a.	Isa. 1:20; 13:11; 14:1,2,41c.
Ex. 33:7-11; 34:341a.	Isa. 2:2; 6:72b.
Lev. 24:141c.	Isa. 4:3
Num. 4:191c.	Isa. 5;12; 27:10; 44:151b.
Num. 10:32; 17:204a.	Jer. 20:91b.
Num. 21:94b.	Ezek. 29:71b.
Deut. 4:16,19; 5:30; 6:18; 28:8 1c.	Hos. 8:14; 10:14; 11:62b.
Deut. 4: 42; 30:165.	Amos 4:2; 8:112d.
Deut. 7: 92c.	Hab. 2:125.
Deut. 12:114a.	<b>Ps.</b> 17:14; 46:10; 49:11; 78:381b.
Deut. 13:15; 22:2,212d.	Ps. 25:112d.
Josh. 23:112c.	Job 5:5; 14:111b.

26, THE PERFECT AND IMPERFECT WITH WAW CONJUNCTIVE.

 a. יהקשה י׳ א׳ אֶת-רוּחוֹ וְאָמֵץ אֶת-לְבָבוֹ Y. thy God hardened his spirit and made strong his heart.

יְבְרָאָני וְרוֹטַמְאָתי בּרָאָנים גְדַרָאָני וְרוֹטַמְאָתי ihidren I have made great and exalted. גְרָאָני וְרוֹטַ אָרָא גָרָאָני וּ גָרָאָני וּ גַרָאָני גַרָאָני וּ גַרָאָני וּ גַרָאָני וּ ג

<sup>1</sup> Deut. 2:30.

<sup>3</sup> Ps. 27:2.

b. ווִיסָרוּ הַבֹּנִים אֶת-הֵיכַל יהוה and the builders established the temple of Y.

וְאָמַרְתִי אָנִי טוֹבָה חְכְטָה כִּגְבוּרָה<sup>2</sup> and I said, Wisdom is better than strength.

- c. "וְהָאֲכָזן בַיְהוֹה וגו" and he believed in Yahweh, etc.
   אָבְרָהָם אֶת־אֲבִיתֵּלֶן and Abraham rebuked Abimelech.
   אַבְרָהָם אָני אֶת־בֵּיתוֹ
   and I have told him that I vill judge his house.
- 2. a. דְּבָר וְיָשָׁבוּ וְיָשָׁבוּ וְיָשָׁבוּ וּ הַיָּשָׁבוּ וְיִשָּׁבוּ וְיִשְׁבוּ הַיָּשָׁבוּ וְיִשָּׁבוּ הַיִשָּׁבוּ זְיִשָּׁבוּ הַיָּשִׁר הַיָּשִׁרוּ הַיָּשִׁרוּ הַיָּשִׁרוּ הַיָּשִׁרוּ הַיָּשִׁרוּ הַיָּשׁרוּ הַיָּשׁרוּ הַיִּשּׁרוּ הַיִּש
  - b. 'יִקוּ הַמַּיִם...וְהְרָאָה ה'<sup>8</sup> let the waters be collected....and the dry land appear.

יוָרָאָן וְיָרָאָן אָרָקָעָן וְיָרָאָן and all the people shall hear and fear. אָרָקָעוּ וְיָרָאָי<sup>10</sup> they shall go up and smite Ai. [sion. ויִקָּלְכוּ וְיַבָּשׁוּ וְיָבָּאָר-קָעָי יבשוּ וְיַבַּשׁוּ וְיָבָּשׁר וְיָבָשׁוּ וְיָבָּשׁוּ וְיָבָּשׁוּ וְיָבָּ and perverteth the words, etc.

וינעו גערים וינעו 13 even youths faint and are weary.

c. יּלְכַעָן יִרָאוּ וְיִדְעוּ וְיָשְׂכֵילוּ that they may see and know and consider and understand.

ותאבדו lest he be angry and ye perish.

There are eases in which, contrary to the principles set forth in §§ 24, 25. there is found the Perfect with Wāw Conjunctive instead of the Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive, or the Imperfect with Wāw Conjunctive instead of the Perfect with Wāw Consecutive. All such cases are to be regarded as exceptional. They may be loosely elassified as follows:

1. Instead of the *Imperfect with Waw Consecutive* ( • )), there is used the Perfect with Wāw Conjunctive,

1 Ezra 3:10.		5 1 Sam. 3:13,	9 Deut. 17:13.	13 Isa. 40:30.
2 Eccl. 9:16.		6 Ex. 14:2.	10 Josh. 7:3.	14 Isa. 41:20.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 15:6.		7 Jon. 1:11.	11 Isa. 41:11.	15 Ps. 2:12.
4 Gen. 21:25.	*	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 1:9.	12 Ex. 23: 8.	

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a. When the second action is synonymous or simultaneous with the first, and is consequently to be represented as *co-ordinate* with it, the usual construction representing it as *subordinate*.

b. In the later books in which the influence of the Aramaic is felt.<sup>a</sup>

c. In instances of which no sufficient explanation can be given.<sup>b</sup>

2. Instead of the *Perfect with Waw Consecutive*, there is found the Imperfect with Wāw Conjunctive,

a. When the Imperfect is a voluntative, and, combining with  $\]$ , furnishes a most concise and elegant expression of purpose ((24.1.e, 2.d).<sup>c</sup>

b. When, as in the case of the Perfects cited above (§ 26.1. a), the second is to be treated as co-ordinate, being emphatic, or synonymous with the first,—whether used in the sense of a future or a frequentative.<sup>d</sup>

c. When the Imperfect follows another Imperfect introduced by a conjunction.<sup>e</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) The Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive continues even in the later books to be the prevailing construction except in the Book of Ecclesiastes, in which, according to Driver, it occurs only three times (1:17; 4:1,7). This construction, however, is not found in Aramaic.

(b) Some of these cases occur in the very earliest books.

(c) While in most cases the special form of the voluntative, i. e., the Jussive or Cohortative, is employed, in many the usual form of the Imperfect occurs.

(d) This is, of course, more frequent in poetry than in prose.

(e) These cases are few, cf. Driver, p. 162.

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Gen. 1:26; 9:27; 17:2; 22:17; 27:29,312b.	Isa. 2:11; 40:121a.
Gen. 28:6lc.	Isa. 41:11,15,22; 42:6,14,21,232b.
Gen. 31:71a.	Ezek. 9:7; 13:6,8; 25:12; 37:2; 41:3,8,13,
Ex. 24:7; 26:242b.	151b.
Dt. 2:30; 33:2,201a.	Amos 7:2,4b1c.
Judg. 3: 23; 7: 13lc.	<b>Ps.</b> 25:9; 37:40; 49:9; 73:82b.
1 Sam. 1:12; 3:131c.	Esth. 2:14; 3:12; 8:15; 9:23,241b.
2 Sam. 6:16; 13:18lc.	Ezra 6:22; 8:30,36; 9:21b.
1 Kgs. 3: 11b; 6: 32,35: 11: 101c.	Neh. 9:7,8; 12:39; 13:1,301b.

# 27. THE PARTICIPLE.

1. a. רעה צאן keeper of a flock.

b. הָסֹבֵב אָת כָּל-אָרֶץ כּוּש the one that encompasseth all the land

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 4:2. <sup>2</sup> Gen. 3:5. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 84:5. <sup>4</sup> Gen. 2:13.

עשׁים חֲסָר וְאָאָת doing kindness and truth. יְקָשְׁאוֹת מְלֵאָה <sup>2</sup> full of noise. הַמָּסָבֵן הָרוּמָה he that is impoverished of an oblation.

- 2. a. יְשָׁב פָּתַח־הָאָהָל and he was sitting in the door of the tent. <sup>5</sup> and behold, we were binding sheaves. (הַרָּשָׁה הָיָה רֹעָה אֶת־צֹאן יִתְרוֹ flock.
  - אין דְּכָל־הַמַּבְיָלְכוֹת he was ruling over all the kingdoms. b. קוֹל דְכֵוי אָחִיך צָעָקים אָלַי b. אָרויד גַעָקים אָלַי the voice of thy brother's blood is
  - crying unto me. [ing. הוגידָרה־נָא לִי אֵיפּה הֵם רֹעִים p<sup>1</sup> tell me where they are shepherd-הואָל אָיפָה הָם רֹעִים מוֹז שִׁיפּה הָם רֹעִים געָם בְּכָל-יוֹם a God that hath indignation every day. וואָל זֹעֵם בְּכָל-יוֹם בִישָׁע לַצַּדִיק נפּמַרָל. [earth.
  - c. אָלָכִי מַטְטִיר עַל־הָאָרָז' I am (about) to bring rain upon the אָלָכִי מַטְטִיר עַל־הָאָרָז' I am (about) to bring rain upon the אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר אָיָר די אָשָׁרְך יֹלֵבָר לְך ואָשָׁר אַנַחְנו הְלְכִים in which we are (about) to go.

1. In respect to government, the Participle<sup>a,b</sup> may be

a. A noun (construct) followed by another noun in the genitive, c or

b. A verb governing the following noun as an accusative or by means of prepositions.<sup>d,e</sup>

2. In respect to *tense* or temporal function, the Participle is used in the description of

a. A state (or action)<sup>f</sup> belonging to the sphere of the *past*; thus presenting some particular attribute or characteristic, or picturing vividly the particular circumstances under which a given event took place.<sup>g</sup>

b. A state or action belonging to the sphere of the *present*, and thus represented as continuing, enduring, permanent.<sup>h,i,j</sup>

c. A state or action belonging to the sphere of the future, thus

1 Gen. 24:49.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 37:7.	9 Gen. 37:16.	13 Gen. 7:4.
2 Isa. 22:2.	6 Ex. 3:1.	10 Deut. 4:1.	14 Jer. 23:5.
<sup>3</sup> Isa. 40:20.	71 Kgs. 5:1.	11 Ps. 7:12.	15 Gen. 17:19.
4 Gen. 18:1.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 4:10.	12 Ps. 37:12.	16 Jud. 18:5.

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represented as beginning, and hence certain; only the context determining whether there is reference to a near or to a remote future.<sup>k</sup>

# a. בַבְּכוֹת הָעָם הְזָבָרִזים בַּבְּכוֹת only the people kept sacrificing in the high places.

- b. כוה בוקום הוה how fearful (timendus) is this place.
- 4. מ. דְבָר.... בִי שׁכֵוע עַבְדָך ישׁכֵוע עַבְדָך ישׁכָוע אַבָרָדָן אַ speak...., for thy servant heareth.
  - b. אָכורים לַנו עַשוֹ yet briek, they say to us, make. [discord.
- 5. a. יָפִיח כָזָבִים...וְכִוֹשֵׁלֶח כִזְבִים הוֹיס יֹיָפִיח בָזָבִים...וְכִוֹשֵׁלֶח כִדְנִים 5. a. נוֹכוֹשֵׁלֶח ב

  - ימָקים...דַל....דַל....ווּלנוּ שָׁבְיוֹן he raiseth up the poor....lifteth up e. מוֹרִיד שׁאוֹל ווּיַעַל<sup>s</sup> he bringeth down to Sheol and bringeth up.
    - יְיָכָרִים...וְקָרָא seraphim were standing, and each kept calling.

3. a. While, usually and properly, the Participle denotes a *fixed*, continuous state, it is sometimes found, instead of the Imperfect, marking a "fact liable to recur."

b. The passive Participle is often equivalent with Latin Participle in dus.

4. a. The subject of the Participle generally precedes it; but it sometimes follows, especially when the verbal idea is to be emphasized.

b. The subject of the Participle is occasionally omitted, and in such cases must be supplied from the context.

5. The Participle is found joined in one way or another with finite verbal forms, as follows:

a. Following an Imperfect.

b. Followed by a Perfect or Imperfect.

c. Followed by a Perfect or Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive (cf. the usage in §§ 24.5; 25.4b).

#### REMARKS.

(a) When the Participle is used as an adjective, it follows the law of the adjective (\$ 10).

<sup>1</sup> 1 Kgs. 3:2.	4 Ex. 5:16.	6 Prov. 2:17.	8 1 Sam. 2:6.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 28:17.	<sup>5</sup> Prov. 6:19.	7 1 Sam. 2:8.	9 Isa. 6:2.

31 Sam. 3:9.

(b) On the use of the Participles with the article, see § 4.3. f.

(c) This construction is especially frequent in poetry.

(e) Cases in which both constructions of the Participle (nominal and verbal) occur simultaneously are not infrequent, e. g., אשה שחר עיפה Amos 4:13.

(f) On the force of the Participle as compared with that of the Imperfect, see 20. R. (h).

(g) Note the rarity in earlier books of the use of a Participle with a finite verb (e.g., Gen. 4:17; 37:2; 1 Sam. 2:11) as compared with the same usage in later books (e.g., Neh. 1:4; 2:13,15).

(h) The Participle, as well as the Perfect (§ 18. 3) and the Imperfect (§ 21. 3), may be used to express a general truth, e. g., Ps. 19:2; 29:5, but only in later Hebrew.

(i) Note also its frequent use as an appositive of a preceding substantive, e.g., Isa, 40:22,23.

(j) With use of the Participle for the present, compare the similar usage in Aramaic, where it is more common than the proper participial usage.

(k) In this usage the Participle is often preceded (for vividness) by הנה *behola*; though this particle is also employed when the Participle refers to the past or present, e. g., 1 Kgs. 19:5; 1 Sam. 14:33.

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Gen. 2:9	2 Sam. 13:42b.
Gen. 3: 5; 19:134a.	1 Kgs. 1:25,48
Gen. 13.7; 46:341a.	1 Kgs. 22: 44
Gen. 15:14; 18:172c.	2 Kgs. 15:51b.
Gen. 24: 21; 41: 12a.	Isa. 1:7; 41:17
Gen. 24:30; 32:7; 41:14b.	Isa. 1:31; 3:13; 8:72c.
Gen. 39:3,6,223a.	Isa. 21:11; 32:124b.
Ex. 9:32c.	Hos. 2:8
Num, 11:272b.	Mie. 3: 9
Num. 21:34	Ps. 3: 3: 4:72b.
Deut. 1:20,25	Ps. 22: 32
Deut. 10:13; 11:26 2b.	Ps. 29:5
Deut. 11:71b.	Ps. 95:10; 97:7; 119:21a.
Deut. 12:102c.	Prov. 13:24
Judg. 2:22; 8:4; 19:184a.	Prov. 16:285a.
1 Sam. 3:11; 19:11; 20:36	Job 1:132a.
1 Sam. 14:112b.	Job 1:142a.
1 Sam. 17:342a.	Job 12:21
2 Sam. 6:162a.	Esth. 2: 11,133a.
2 Sam. 12: 23b2c.	

# 28. THE INFINITIVE ABSOLUTE.

1. יַקָּחְרֵם כָּל-עִיר the destroying every city.

יָהָרֹג בָּקָר וְשָׁחֹט צֹאֹן slaughtering oxen and killing sheep.

1 Deut. 3:6.

2 Isa. 22:13,

2. a. ילא אָבוּ בִדְרְכָיו הָלוֹך they would not walk in his ways.
רְאָיהִי...יָגָאוֹף וְהָלוֹך בַּשֵׁכָן I see committing adultery and walking in lies.

b. גְּוָאָכֹת אֹתוֹ טָחוֹן הֵיטֵב<sup>3</sup> and I stamped it, grinding diligently.
ארבה מאר<sup>4</sup> and I was very much afraid.

The Infinitive absolute<sup>a</sup> partakes of both a nominal and a verbal character.<sup>b</sup> Like the verb<sup>c</sup> it may govern a noun in the accusative; like the noun it may be construed as a nominative, genitive, or accusative. Its more important usages may be classified as follows:

1. It may govern a dependent noun only in the accusative; it never stands in annexion.<sup>d</sup>

2. a. It may stand as an accusative, e, f governed by a finite verb, but the Infinitive construct is more frequently employed.

b. It may stand as an adverbial accusative, equivalent to an ordinary adverb.

#### REMARKS.

(a) The Infinitive absolute differs from the Infinitive construct in being more stiff, and in being unable either to stand in annexion with a following word, or to be governed by a preceding preposition.

(b) "1. The Semitic Infinitive is really not an Infinitive in the sense of the term as used in Greek, Latin, German [and English] grammar; for it was originally, and has remained to the present day, a true noun, which contains in itself all the properties of the noun, and is construed as such in the sentence. The most which can be admitted is, that this noun sometimes gives up its capacity for inflection, and becomes an adverb; but never in any case does it pass over into the verb-system, in the manner which characterizes the proper Infinitive idea. 2. The Semitic nomen actionis expresses the abstract idea of being, acting, or suffering; and has been derived from the verb in the way in which verbal derivatives, with a concrete meaning, passed over into the abstract meaning. 3. This abstract verbal noun, through its derivation from the verb, has received the power of construction peculiar to the verb, so that it can subordinate another noun in the accusative, and attach to itself a subject in the nominative; while, on the other hand, it has no power whatever, in itself, of expressing any difference in tense, or in the kind of verb. 4. From the agreement in form among the different branches of the Semitic family of languages, it plainly follows that even the original Semitic language had already handed over the function of the abstract verbal noun to certain forms."5

(c) The Infinitive, like the Participle, is without tense, referring alike to past, present, or future, according to the demands of the context.

(d) The Infinitive absolute rarely has a subject, e.g., Ps. 17:5.

 <sup>1</sup> Isa. 42:24.
 2 Jer. 23:14.
 3 Deut. 9:21.
 4 Neb. 2:2.
 5 Adolph Koch, Der semitische Infinitif, 1874.

(e) Sometimes also as a nominative, e. g., 1sa. 32:17; 2 Chron. 31:10; and as a genitive, e. g., Isa. 14:23.

(f) The suffix governed by the Infinitive absolute must have  $\mathfrak{MR}$ .

(g) The most common Infinitives thus used are הרחם, Gen. 15:1; הרחם, Gen. 21:16; הרחם, Ex. 30:36; הכל , Isa. 29:14; השכם, Sam. 17:16; הכל , Josh. 3:17; הקר, Josh. 6:11; הערם, I Sam. 17:16. With the exception of כהר , Josh. 2:5, all forms thus used are in the HIph'il.

a. יָקיָה י׳ עָכָּיך וי עָכָּיך וי עַכָּיך י׳ עַכָּיך י׳ עַכָּיך י׳ עַכָּיך י׳ עַכָּיך י׳ אַכָּיך
 with thee.

אָרָכָם 'אַרָרָתָי אָרָכָם I will surely visit you. גּנְשָׁאֹל גִישָׁאַל כָוְבָוָאָ יהָעֵר הֵעִיר בָנוּ he strictly charged us.

- b. אָרָיָשָׁפֿט שָׁפוֹט and he is always acting as judge.
  בְרֵכְתָ בָּרֵך
- c. אורן ארור curse ye bitterly.

וראו ראו ישמוע שמוע ישמוע האו ראו אישמע אמוע ישמוע....וראו ראו אישמוע ישמוע.

- d. אַיָּשָׁבוּ הַמַיִם....הָלוֹך וָשׁוֹב and the waters kept continually receding.
  - ונעו הלוך וגעו they went going on and lowing.

3. The Infinitive absolute<sup>*a*</sup> is used in connection with a finite verb<sup>*b*</sup> (generally of the same root<sup>*c*</sup> and stem<sup>*d*</sup>), as a sort of cognate or absolute accusative ( $\S$  31. 4). Various cases arise :—

a. The Infinitive may precede the finite verb, and mark the certainty of the idea conveyed or intensify it.<sup>e</sup>f

b. The Infinitive may follow the finite verb, and convey the idea of repeated or continued action.

c. The Infinitive may follow the finite verb, and, as when preceding it, *intensify* the idea.<sup>g</sup>

d. Two Infinitives may follow, one of which is frequently , and the idea thus emphasized is that of *continuance*.<sup>h</sup>

### REMARKS.

(a) The Infinitive construct is rarely employed for the Infinitive absolute, e.g., Ps. 50:21; Ruth 2:16; Neh. 1:7.

(b) Sometimes the finite verb is omitted, the Infinitive only remaining.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 26:28.	4 Gen. 43:3.	7 Judg. 5:23.	9 Gen. 8:3,5.
2 Ex. 3:7.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 19:19.	<sup>8</sup> Isa. 6:9.	10 1 Sam. 6:12.
\$ 1 Sam. 20:6.	6 Num. 24:10.		

(c) In poetry the Infinitive is sometimes of a different (though cognate) root, e. g., Jer. 8:13; 48:9; Isa. 28:28.

(d) The Infinitive absolute is frequently in Qăl when the finite verb is of a different stem; e. g., in the Nĭph., Ex. 19:13; 21:20,22,23; Mic. 2:4; in the PI'el or Pŭ'al, Josh. 24:10; Gen. 37:33; in the Hĭph'il, 1 Sam. 23:22; in the Hĭth., Isa. 24:19. Cf. also Lev. 19:20; Ezek. 16:4.

(e) The particle **D1** is frequently employed to give additional emphasis; it stands between the verb and the infinitive; e. g., Gen. 31: 15; 46:4; Num. 16: 13.

(f) A negative, in such cases, generally stands between the Infinitive and the verb, e. g., Ex. 5:23; 34:7; Deut. 21:14; Nah. 1:3; Mic. 1:10; though sometimes before both verb and Infinitive, e. g., Gen. 3:4; Amos 9:8; Ps. 49:8.

(g) While the Infinitive, when it follows the verb, generally gives the idea of repetition or continuance, there are many cases in which this force is not allowed by the context, e. g., Gen. 31:15; Isa. 22:17; Jer. 22:10.

(h) In connection with הולך, used to express continuance, the second word, which then expresses the principal idea, may be not only an Infinitive absolute, but also a Participle, or verbal adjective, e. g., 1 Sam. 2:26; 14:19; 2 Sam. 3:1; 1 Chron. 11:9.

a. געריקלי, אָתריקי וויאָתין געריקי אָתריקי מון this have I seen and applied my heart.

הַכַּדִים מוּ לא הַכַּדּים and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers.

b. אָישׁיים אָרוֹמַת הָאִישׁיים ארוֹייבָל־הְעֵרָה <sup>3</sup> let the man be put to death ...let all the congregation stone him.

ילָגָר...הְהְעָנָהָה...אוֹ מָכֹר לְנָרְרִי it, or sell it to an alien. [watch, etc.

- 5. a. "גוי הַשְׁרְחָן צָפה הַצָּפִית וגוי they prepare the table, set the b. אכול והותר יאכול ye shall eat and leave thereof.
  - c. זְכוֹר אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת remember the Sabbath day. אַר-הַסַבָּרִים הַאֱלָה <sup>s</sup> take thou these documents.
  - d. <u>הְע</u>לה....לְוָעָןה<sup>9</sup> I will bring up a company and deliver them to vexation.
  - 4. The Infinitive absolute is used to continue the verbal idea<sup>a</sup>
    a. Introduced by a Perfect, or an Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive.
    b. Introduced by an Imperfect referring to the future.

Eccles. 8:9.	4 Deut. 14:21.	6 2 Kgs. 4:43.	<sup>8</sup> Jer. 32:14.
<sup>2</sup> Judg. 7:19.	<sup>5</sup> Isa. 21:5.	7 Ex. 20:9.	9 Ezek. 23:46.

5. The Infinitive absolute is, still further, used as a concise and vivid substitute for a finite verb;<sup>b c</sup> as,

a. For the Perfect in narration and description; cf. Latin Historical Infinitive.

b. For the Imperfect, referring to the future.

c. For the Imperative, when it is to be expressed emphatically.

d. For the Cohortative, in the way of exclamation.<sup>d</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) Especially frequent in later literature, when it was thought sufficient to express the distinction of *tense*, *number* and *person* in the first verbal form and allow it to be understood in the case of those following.

(b) For examples of its use where the subject is expressed, see Gen. 17:10; Ps.17:5; Prov. 17:12; etc.

(c) This usage is probably due to the ellipsis of the finite verb, e.g., אָכוֹל אָכוֹל הָאבָלוּ for זַכוֹר הִזְבָרוּ for זַכוֹר הַזְבָרוּ

(d) In none of these cases, or in those under 4 a, b, may the Infinitive have a negative.

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Gen. 8:7	1 Kgs. 22:305d.
Gen. 27:30; 43:3,203a.	2 Kgs. 4:43
Gen. 41:434a.	Isa. 5:5; 59:41
Gen. 46: 4 3c.	Isa. 7:15; 22:132a.
Ex. 3:7	Isa. 42:204a.
Ex. 8:114a.	Isa. 59: 4
Ex. 36:7	Jer. 2:2
Lev. 32:444b.	Jer. 7:132b.
Num. 16:133e.	Jer. 22:10
Num. 25:175c.	Ez. 1:145a.
Deut. 5:125c.	Hos. 4:25a.
Josh. 6:13	Amos 9:83a.
Judg. 5:233c.	Zech. 3:4; 7:54a.
Judg. 7:19	Zeeh. 12:105b.
Judg. 11:253a.	Job 15:35b.
1 Sam. 2:30; 9:63a.	Job 15: 351
1 Sam. 2:26; 14:19	Eccl. 9:11
1 Sam. 2:27,284a.	Dan. 9:54a.
2 Sam. 3:1; 5:10	1 Chron. 11:93d.
2 Sam. 19:433a.	

# 29. The Infinitive Construct.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 2:18. <sup>2</sup> Isa. 7:13.

- b. בְּיוֹם עֲשוֹת י׳ אֱלֹהִים on the day of Y. God's making, etc.
  קאָרָאָ־עָת הַאֶםָף not time for being gathered.
- c. גְּבְעָבוּר נַסוֹת<sup>3</sup> for the sake of trying = in order to try. [see. אַרָּבְהָוֹן עֵינָיו מֵרְאֹת <sup>4</sup> and his eyes were weak so that he could not בְּהָוּלֵר לוֹ אָת־יִצְחָק<sup>5</sup> when Isaac was born to him.
- d. אָדַע צָאָת וָבא)<sup>6</sup> I know not (how) to go out or to come in. דְּשָׁנֵאָתִי עֲשׁה סֵטִים I hate the doing of sin.
- 2. a. דָּהָקִים אֶת-הַפּוֹשְׁבָּן<sup>s</sup> to set up the tabernacle. אָרָהָמִית צַהִיק to destroy the righteous. דְלַמַעַן הָקִים אְׂתְרָ

b. (1) <sup>יי</sup>שָׁבָת אַחִים גַם יַחַר <sup>וו</sup>שָׁבָת אַחִים גַם יַחַר <sup>וו</sup>שָׁבָת אַחִים גַם יַחַר <sup>וו</sup> ישין מַיִם לִשְׁתוֹת הָעָם<sup>12</sup> there was no water for the people to drink.

יי עָלָיו זי זי Yahweh's sparing him.

- (בַקרא ארז in my calling, answer me (cf. בַקרא ארז)
- (2) אל-לְבוֹ <sup>15</sup> that the king should take it to heart. ז'לָשׁוּם הַאָּיָשָׁ אָרָרָבוֹ 1<sup>6</sup> that one man should rule over you.

The Infinitive construct, like the Infinitive absolute, partakes of both a nominal and a verbal character. It is much more flexible than the Infinitive absolute and may, at one time, exercise both functions.

1. The Infinitive construct as a  $noun^a$  may be used,

a. As a nominative serving as the subject,

b. As a genitive depending upon a preceding construct,

c. As a genitive depending on a preceding preposition,<sup>b</sup>

d. As an accusative, the direct object of a verb.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 2:4.	61 Kgs. 3:7.	11 Ps. 133:1.	16 Judg. 9:2.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 29:7.	7 Ps. 101:3.	12 Ex. 17:1.	17 Gen. 2:4.
<sup>3</sup> Ex. 20:20.	<sup>8</sup> Num. 9:15.	13 Isa. 47:9.	18 Deut. 22:2.
4 Gen. 27:1.	9 Gen. 18:25,	14 Ps. 4:2.	19 Deut. 1:27.
<sup>5</sup> Gen. 21:5.	<sup>10</sup> Deut. 29:12.	15 2 Sam. 19:20.	20 Isa. 32:7.

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2. a. The Infinitive construct, likewise the verbal noun, which is really an Infinitive, governs as its direct object a noun which is construct as an accusative.<sup>c,d</sup>

b. The Infinitive construct may have a subject, which will be

- (1) a noun placed immediately after it as genitive, or
- (2) a noun following it (not always immediately) as a nominatire.<sup>c,f,g</sup>

c. The Infinitive construct may be followed by two nouns, a subject and an object, in which case the former of the two is the subject (either genitive or nominative).<sup>h,i</sup>

#### REMARKS.

a) While the Infinitive construct is in many respects a noun, it does not receive an article, cases like אָת הָרָיָת (Gen. 2:9) being rare and exceptional.

(b)  $\exists$  with the Infinitive construct is equivalent to while, when (quando);  $\exists$ , as soon as, when (cum with subjv.).

(c) The object of the Infinitive construct is never a genitive.

(d) Only the suffix of the first person may be appended as an accusative to the Infinitive; other suffixes, except occasionally the third plural, must have  $\pi N$ .

(c) In Arabie there are three possible constructions: (1) Infinitive, subj. in gen., obj. in acc.; (2) Infinitive, obj. in gen., subj. in nom.; (3) Infinitive, subj. in nom., obj. in acc.

(f) Since the case-endings have been lost, it is often impossible to determine whether the subject is a genitive or nominative; but it may clearly be taken as a nominative (1) when the  $\frac{1}{2}$  prefixed to the inf. has pretonic  $\pm$  (e.g., 2 Sam. 19:20); (2) when a word stands between the Infinitive and the subject (see above).

(g) The subject is frequently omitted when it can be supplied from the context, e. g., Gen. 24:30; Isa. 5:2.

(h) Sometimes the object rather than the subject follows the Infinitive, e. g., Josh. 14:11; Isa. 5:24; 20:1.

(i) The Hebrew by the "combination of the verbal and nominal construction of the Infinitivo construct is enabled to secure wonderful brevity," e. g., Gen. 39:18; Deut. 22:2.

3. a.	ש' לְקַרְישוֹ	הי	אָת־יוֹם	יזָכוֹר <sup>1</sup>	remember	the	Sabbath	day	to	keep	it
	holy.								[ <i>t</i> e	ell the	ee.

ןאָמֶזְטָה רַק-אָני לְבַדִי לְהַגִיד לֶךְ b. גוי השמיש and the sun was about to go down.

- יהוישיעני Yahweh is about to deliver me.
- c. לְצָשׁוֹת לְזָשׁוֹת לְזָשׁוֹת לְזָשׁוֹת לָן s that can be done for thee ?

1 Ex. 20:8.	<sup>3</sup> Gen. 15:12.	4 Isa. 38:20.	52 Kgs. 4:13.
2 Job 1:16.			

- d. וְאָרָם אַין לְעֵכוֹ אָת-קְאָרָטָה <sup>1</sup> and there was no man to till the g. אַת לַלֵרָת וְעָת לָמוּת there is a time to be born and a time to die.
- e. אָשָׁר־בָּרָא א׳ לְעַשוֹת <sup>3</sup> which God created while making.
  <sup>4</sup> and G. blessed them, saying.
  <sup>5</sup> and they tempted God in asking for food.
- 4. a. הָשָׁרָם לָרֹב<sup>6</sup> men began to multiply. וַהַּסָף לְלֶרֶת אֶת־אָחִיו and she added to bear his brother.
  - b. וכל איש למנות a man may be able to number.
  - c. <u>וּיִשְׁאַל אָת־נַפְשוֹ</u> מּחּd he asked for himself to die. ילא־יָהֵן אָתְכָם לְהַלֹך he will not permit you to go.
  - 3. The Infinitive construct with the preposition  $\langle , \rangle$ 
    - a. Is used primarily to express purpose.<sup>a</sup>
    - b. May be rendered "is to," "is about to," in statements of time.<sup>b</sup>
    - c. Is sometimes best expressed by "can" (= possibility).
    - d. Denotes consequence, "that," "so that."
    - e. Marks a concomitant circumstance (= gerund in do).<sup>c</sup>

4. The Infinitive construct with the preposition  $\stackrel{}{\stackrel{}_{\sim}}$  occurs when the Infinitive alone would have answered,<sup>*a*</sup>

- a. After verbs of beginning, ceasing.
- b. After verbs implying ability, or possibility.
- c. After verbs of wishing, commanding, refusing.

#### REMARKS.

(a) Cf. the more emphatic construction (1) with למען, Deut. 8:3; 1 Kgs. 12:15; Isa. 30:1; Jer. 32:29; Mic. 6:5,16; (2) with לבעבור, 2 Sam. 17:14; 18:18.

(b) The use of in ילעשות is sa. 5:2, till it should produce, is worthy of note.

(c) "It thus serves to characterize more closely the idea of the verb by stating the sphere in which the action moves;" the phrase is best translated by treating the Infinitive as the main verb, and the finite verb as an adverb.

(d) The Infinitive as subject semetimes has 7, e. g., Prov. 21:9; 2 Sam. 18:11.

1 Gen. 2:5.	4 Gen. 1:22.	7 Gen. 4:2.	10 Ex. 3:19.
<sup>2</sup> Eccl. 3:2.	<sup>5</sup> Ps. 78:18.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 13:16.	11 Isa. 44:28.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 2:3.	6 Gen. 6:1.	9 1 Kgs. 19:4.	12 1 Sam. 8:11,12.

b. אָלָרָרָפוֹ וְשָׁחֵת ל־רָרָרָפוֹ because he pursued him and stifled his compassion.

יַנְיָהִי כְּהַרִיכִי וָאָקְרָא and it came to pass when I raised my voice and cried. [cat.

6. אַשָׁר צויתיך לְבְלְהִי אֲכָל־כִימֵנוּ of which I commanded thee not to ירק הוזק לבלהי אלל הדָם only be strong not to eat the blood.

5. The Infinitive construct sometimes

a. Continues a sentence introduced by an Imperfect or Participle.

b. Is continued by the Perfect or Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive (2224.5;25.5).

6. When the Infinitive is to be negatived, לְכָלְהָי is employed.

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Gen. 4:13; 24:30lc.	Isa. 10:32
Gen. 18:29	
Gen. 18:294a.	Isa. 13:19; 10:152c.
Ex. $14:121a$ .	Isa. 47:92b.
Ex. 14:122a.	Jer. 7: 102a.
Ex. 32:295	Jer. 17:10; 19:125
Lev. 10:10,115	Hos. 9:13
Deut. 8:2; 11:4; 15:10; 25:17lc.	Amos 8:45
Deut. 25:19	Mie. 6:81d.
Josh. 14:72c.	Ps. 32:9
1 Sam. 12:17; 14:33	Ps. 34:235
2 Sam. 14:253e.	Ps. 46:3; 76:10; 133:12b.
2 Sam. 17:14lc.	Prov. 14:8; 16:121a.
2 Sam, 18:11la.	Prov. 26:2
1 Kgs. 12:15; 15:42a.	Job 33:172c.
1 Kgs. 13:42c.	2 Chr. 5:11; 20:6; 25:93c.
Isa. 5:24; 10:25	

1 Amos 1:11.

2 Gen. 39:18.

3 Gen. 3:11.

4 Deut. 12:23.

#### III. Verbal Government and Apposition.

30. THE OBJECT ACCUSATIVE.

- 1. יברא א' את השמים ואת הא' God created the heavens and the e.
- 2. איז ייכם רמים מלאו ייריכם רמים מלאו יינים מלאו ייניים מלאו ייני
- 3. לבישו כרים הצאן the pastures are clothed with flocks. אורו חיל they gird themselves with strength.
- 4. יישב הבית <sup>6</sup> he remained in the house. רויבאו ארץ כנען<sup>7</sup> and they came to the land of Canaan. לא יצא העיר he went not out of the city.
- 5. גמלתיך הרעה אמובה...גמלתיך הרעה base rendered thee cvil.
  thou hast rendered thee cvil.

ומלך let me run and bring the king

1. In Hebrew, as in other languages, transitive verbs govern their object in the accusative.<sup>a</sup> But aside from ordinary transitive verbs, certain other classes are so construed; these are

2. Verbs denoting *fullness* or *want*,<sup>b</sup> of which the most common are be *full*, שבע be satisfied, פרץ נפרא פרץ be satisfied, רוה be deficient, be deprived.

3. Verbs denoting to clothe and unclothe, of which the most common are כסה put on, ערה מוסא ערה vorap up, כסה כסה עטה vorap up, מוח vorap up, מוח vorap אור, חגר over, אור, חגר gird, טוח gird, פישט put off.

4. Verbs denoting to go, or come, to dwell, of which the most common are are go in, איז go out, הלך go, הלך dwell, בוא lie down.

5. Verbs which were originally transitive and now resume their original force, or which were originally intransitive but have come to be con-

1 Gen. 1:1.	4 Ps. 65:14.	7 Gen. 45:25.	9 1 Sam. 24:18.
² Isa. 1:15.	51 Sam. 2:4.	\$ 2 Kgs. 20:4.	10 2 Sam. 18:19.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 18:28.	6 Ruth 2:7.		

ceived of as transitive; c e. g., ריב defend before court, ענה answer, reply to, ריב bring good news to, נאף commit adultery with, ערב bring for, נאף repay, retaliate, מרה rebel against.

### REMARKS.

(b) In poetry also with verbs which gain this force only from the context, e. g., J. Jer. 9:17; Joel 4:18; Judg. 5:4; שטר, Isa. 10:22; עלה, Isa. 5:6; Prov. 24:31.

(c) Here may be noted that double usage in accordance with which there may be employed either the noun alone or the noun with the preposition  $\exists$ , e.g., Ps. 22:8 and Job 16:4; Ps. 35:16 and Job:16:9. Cf. also the use of  $\exists$  in Lam. 1:17; Ex. 7:20, where we would certainly employ the accusative.

#### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 1:20,21; 27:452.	Isa. 32:164.
Gen. 4:204.	Isa. 60:65.
Ex. 1:7	Ps. 5:5; 120:54.
Judg. 5:174.	Ps. 35:12; 68:125.
2 Kgs. 20:44.	Ps. 65:14; 104:23.

### 31. THE DOUBLE ACCUSATIVE.

- 1. רהראני " אתך Y. hath shown thee to me. נשקה את אבינו יין let us cause our father to drink wine.
- 2. אתם אכנט<sup>3</sup> and thou shalt gird them with priestly girdles. אויטעהו שרק<sup>4</sup> and he planted it with choice vines.
- 3. יומלאו את הארץ חלל<sup>5</sup> and they shall fill the land with slain. יומלאו את הארץ חלל<sup>6</sup> with corn and new wine have I sustained him.
- 4. הילרים אשר חנן א' את עברך the children whom God hath granted thy servant. אתורך נוראות יכזינך<sup>8</sup> thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
  - ask the priests for instruction.
- 5. הקרא שמו יעקב<sup>10</sup> he called his name Jacob. מוויחשבה לו צרקה<sup>11</sup> and he counted it to him for rightcousness.
- 6. ראבנים כוובח<sup>12</sup> and he built the stones into an altar. את הארם עפר<sup>13</sup> and Y. formed the man out of dust.

1 2 Kgs. 8:13. 2 Gen. 19:32. <sup>5</sup> Ezek. 30:11. <sup>6</sup> Gen. 27:37.

7 Gen. 33:5.

<sup>3</sup> Ex. 29:9. <sup>4</sup> Isa. 5:2. <sup>8</sup> Ps. 45:5. 1 9 Hag. 2:11. 1 10 Gen. 27:36. 1

<sup>11</sup> Gen. 15:6. <sup>12</sup> 1 Kgs. 18:32. <sup>13</sup> Gen. 2:7. § 32.]

7. הכית את כל אויבי לחי thou hast smitten all my enemies on the cheek-bone.
[soul.

נפש and he will spoil their spoilers as to the

Verbs which govern two accusatives may be classified as follows :a,b

1. The causative of stems which in the Qăl governed one accusative.

2. Verbs denoting to clothe, cover; to plant, sow, which have or are assigned a causative force even in Qăl.

3. Verbs denoting to fill, satisfy, sustain, and the opposite.

4. Verbs denoting to give, bestow ; to ask, answer, teach.

5. Verbs denoting to name, appoint, consider.

6. Verbs denoting to make into, c make out of, build, form, etc.

7. Verbs which take, besides a direct object, a remote object which specifies more distinctly the object affected by the action, or the circumstances connected therewith.

#### REMARKS.

(a) Many of these verbs are also construed with prepositions.

(b) Verbs which in the active govern two accusatives, in the passive govern one.

(c) Here belong בנה, עשה, שות, שים, נתן, etc.

### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 4:25; 16:15; 17:5; 28:195.	Jer. 2:212.
Gen. 19:331.	Jer. 3:15
Ex. 28:6; 37:1; 39:22,276.	Amos 6:116.
Josh. 7:257.	Mic. 7:27.
2 Sam. 1:184.	Ps. 60:51.
1 Kgs. 18:214.	<b>Ps.</b> 64:8
Isa. 16:9; 50:43.	<b>Ps.</b> 65:10 <b>3</b> .
Isa. 17:10; 22:21; 30:232.	Ps. 94:10
Isa. 60:176.	

# 32. THE COGNATE ACCUSATIVE.

1 Ps. 3:8.	<sup>3</sup> Gen. 1:29.	5 2 Sam. 7:7.	7 Lev. 26:36.
2 Prov. 22:23.	4 Gen. 37:5.	6 2 Sam. 13:36.	<sup>8</sup> Jer. 22:19.

- 3. יחכוה גדולה קנאתי I am jealous in great anger. ויזעק קול גרול<sup>2</sup> and he cried a loud voice.
- 4. אטמוע שמוע.... אימיעו שמוע אמוישמוע אפאיז hear a hearing....sce a seeing. דהמלך תמלך אמון shalt thou indeed reign ?

Any verb may take a noun of the same stem to define and explain the verbal idea. This is called the cognate accusative. Here may be distinguished :

1. Cases in which the accusative furnishes a concrete example of the action expressed by the verb, and is employed either to express special emphasis, or where in modern languages the verb would be a word of general significance (cf. the usage in Latin and Greek).

2. Cases in which the cognate accusative, followed either by an adjective or a genitive, furnishes additional information concerning the action of the verb.

3. Cases in which this accusative is *cognate* not in stem, but only in signification. Hence arises a number of common and concise expressions, used, for the most part, in poetry.

4. Cases in which this accusative expresses not the concrete, but the *abstract* idea of the verb. Here belongs the usage of the Infinitive absolute before and after a finite form (§ 28. 3).

### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Num. 31:21.	Jer. 14:17; 20:11; 23:6; 30:14
1 Sam. 4:52.	Jer. 30:142.
1 Sam. 20:171.	Hos. 10:41.
2 Sam. 12:16; 13:151.	Jon. 4:62.
1 Kgs. 2:161.	Zeeh. 1:14,152.
Isa. 5:1	Zech. 1:21.
Isa. 5:61.	Prov. 17:27; 22:231.
Isa. 37:63.	

# 33. The Adverbial Accusative.

1. a. נצא השרה<sup>5</sup> let us go out into the field.

אם הימין whether to the left or to the right. יאם הימיאל...ואם הימין whether to the left or to the right. יויחן את פני העיר and he encamped before the city.

b. אהאראל אישב פתח האהל<sup>s</sup> while he sat at the entrance of the tent. פקבר אביו אישר בית לחם<sup>s</sup> in his father's grave which was in Bethlehem.

1 Zech. 8:2.	4 Gen. 37:8.	6 Gen. 13:9.	8 Gen. 18:1.
2 2 Sam. 19:5.	5 1 Sam. 20:11.	7 Gen. 33:18.	9 2 Sam. 2:32
<sup>3</sup> Isa. 6:9.			

- 2. רחלת קציר שערים<sup>1</sup> at the beginning of barley-harvest. החלת יונים ולילה<sup>2</sup> he meditates day and night.
- גברו המים לשרה אמה...גברו המים the waters rose fifteen cubits.
   יולשבתך עולמים that thou mayest live forever.
   יהעיר היצאת אלף the city that goes forth a thousand.

4. יערום ינוס <sup>6</sup> he flees naked. הוילך אנג מערנת <sup>7</sup> and Agag came with confidence. ארר אל בני אבל<sup>8</sup> I will go down to my son mourning. ימותו אנשים<sup>9</sup> they shall die as men.

- 5. סישרים תשפטו בני אדם 10 ye shall judge righteously the sons of וראיתי א' פנים אל פנים <sup>11</sup> I have seen God face to face. יוראות נפליתי I have been wonderfully distinguished.
- 6. והרב האכלו<sup>13</sup> ye have been devoured by the sword.
   יµרב האכלו לראות פני<sup>14</sup> ye come in to be seen by my face.

- אגרל ממך <sup>18</sup> only as to the throne will I be greater b. ונתראה פנים<sup>19</sup> let us see one another in person.
  - מיט מינים and he bowed himself down as regards the face.
  - e. ראש<sup>21</sup> he will bruise thee in the head. רבשרם הבשר<sup>22</sup> he cooked them as to the flesh.
- d. יי אקרא יי גרי גרי גרי אל יי אקרא <sup>23</sup> I cry unto Y. with my voice. יי אקרא וודעתי ' א נודעתי ' לא נודעתי ' לא נודעתי

Many nouns have become adverbs; a many adverbial ideas are expressed by means of prepositions.<sup>b</sup> Aside from these cases, the accusative is used in an adverbial sense, to express,

1. Designations of place,

- a. In answer to the question whither ? c
- b. In answer to the question where  $?^d$

1 2 Sam. 21:9.	7 1 Sam. 15:32.	13 Isa. 1:20.	19 2 Kgs. 14:8.
<sup>2</sup> Ps. 1:2.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 37:35.	14 Isa. 1:12.	20 Gen. 19:1.
<sup>8</sup> Gen. 7:20.	91 Sam. 2:33.	15 Zech. 14:4.	21 Gen. 3:15.
41 Kgs. 8:13.	10 Ps. 58:2.	16 1 Sam. 5:9.	22 1 Kgs. 19:21.
<sup>6</sup> Amos 5:3.	11 Gen. 32:31.	17 1 Kgs. 15:23.	23 Ps. 3:5.
6 Amos 2:16.	12 Ps. 139:14.	18 Gen. 41:40.	24 Ex. 6:3.

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2. Designation of *time*, in answer to the question when? but only in general statements.<sup>c</sup>

3. Designations of *extent*, *duration*, *amount*, in answer to the questions how far? how long? how much?

4. The state or condition of the subject at the time of the action described in the principal verb.

5. The particular *mode* or *manner* in which the action of the verb is performed.

6. Rarely the instrument by means of which the action was performed.

7. The effect or consequence of the action of the verb.

8. The particular object or part to which the state or condition described by the verb is limited; i. e., the accusative of specification; f

a. With verbs which express a state or condition.

b. With verbs which have a reflexive force.

c. With verbs which have a direct object accusative.

d. In poetry and with passive verbs.

#### REMARKS.

(a) E. g., אמנם , חנם , פתאם Judg. 8:11, also לכטח .

(b) Cf. the various meanings local and temporal of ב, ל, כון, ל, etc.

(c) In these cases the accusative ending  $\neg_{\neg}$  is frequently employed (cf. *Elements of Hebrew*, § 121. 3); e. g., Gen. 14:10; 20:1.

(d) Here also the ending n\_ is sometimes employed; e. g., 1 Kgs. 4:14.

(e) In particular statements prepositions  $(\Box, , , \Box)$  are generally employed.

(f) Here belongs the construction of the numeral noted in §§ 15. 2. c; 6. 2. R. (b).

#### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 5:3; 14:43.	Jer. 26:187.
Gen. 9:204.	Mic. 2:35.
Gen. 18:1; 38:111b.	Mic. 3:12
Gen. 42:65.	Nah. 1:81a.
Ex. 4:91a.	Hab. 3:9
Ex. 16:20	Zeph. 3:98d.
Ex. 23:156.	Ps. 1:2; 91:62.
Deut. 9:25; 15:183.	Ps. 2:12
Deut. 33:118c.	Ps. 12:3; 17:10,118d.
2 Sam. 14:263.	Ps. 15:24.
2 Sam. 15:324.	Ps. 56:35.
2 Kgs. 14:8,118b.	Prov. 19:236.
Isa. 3:61b.	Prov. 24:154.
Isa. 60:145.	Job 21:78a.
Jer.2:168c.	2 Chr. 20:36 1a.

34. THE ACCUSATIVE WITH T.

- 1. והארם ידע את חוה<sup>1</sup> and the man knew Eve. יורא א' את האור<sup>2</sup> and God saw the light. יעזב איש את אביו מ man leaves his father.
- יוידע את אשר עשה לו 4 and he knew what he had done to him.
   יאך את זה לא תאכלו 5 yet this ye shall not eat.
   יאשלח 6 whom shall I send ?
- את כל עיר את כל עיר מונחרם את כל עיר מיז and we destroyed every city.
   אחרים אחרים אחרים אחרים מון and ye shall serve other gods.
   יקח...את אחר מהנערים take one of the servants.
- 4. אישה ומת או את אישה ומת <sup>10</sup> and if an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die.
- 5. יואישמע את מרבר אלי and I heard him who spake unto me.
- 6. את צרף את ז'יחזק חרש את צרף and the carpenter encouraged the smith. ז'לעות את יעף דבר to sustain with words him that is weary.
- 7. הימים הימים יאכל את שבעת הימים 14 unleavened bread shall be eaten the seven days. [nights.
   'את ארבעים היום ואת ארבעים הל<sup>15</sup> the forty days and forty days and forty <sup>16</sup> and I am going to the house of Y.
- 8. ויחלה את רגליו he was diseased in his feet. [foreskin.
  [foreskin.]
  18 in his being circumcised in the flesh of his
- 9. אנשי בחרב יפלו בסרר כל מברחיו בכל אגפיו בחרב יפלו וואה כל מברחיו בכל אגפיו בחרב יפלו
  9. *fugitives in all his bands (they) shall fall by the sword.*אלה אנשי חיל <sup>20</sup> and there fell 18,000 men, all these men of valor. [have pierced.]
- 10. אשר דקרו אלי את אשר דקרו<sup>21</sup> and they will look unto me whom they גער המים where is the king's spear and the cruse of water ?
- 11. (ע' לרבקה את דברי צ' and were told to Rebekah the words of אל ירע בעיניך את הרבר 14<sup>24</sup> let not the thing be evil in thine eyes.

1 Gen. 4:1. 7 Deut. 2:34. 13 Isa, 50:4. 19 Ezek. 17:21. <sup>2</sup> Gen. 1:4. 8 Jer. 16:13. 14 Ex. 13:7. 20 Judg. 20:44. 3 Gen. 2:24. 91 Sam. 9:3. 15 Deut. 9:25. 21 Zech. 12:10. 4 Gen. 9:24. 10 Ex. 21:28. 16 Judg. 19:18. 22 1 Sam. 26:16. 5 Lev. 11:4. 11 Ezek. 2:2. 17 1 Kgs. 15:23. 23 Gen. 27:42. 6 Isa. 6:8. 12 Isa. 41:7. 24 2 Sam. 11:25. 18 Gen. 17:25.

1. The sign  $\square \aleph$  is prefixed to substantives<sup>*a*</sup> in the accusative, especially when they precede the verb; but only when they are definite,<sup>*b*</sup> and rather before the names of *persons*<sup>*c*</sup> than the names of *things*.<sup>*d*</sup> Besides the general usage, the particle is employed,

2. With זה, אשר, and כי but never with זה.

3. With אהר, ארור, כל, ארור, ארור, which partake somewhat of the nature and usage of pronouns.

4. With a singular noun (without the article), when it represents a whole species.f

5. With a participle (without the article) in the sense of  $he \ who.g$ 

6. With a noun from which in poetry  $(\S 5.4)$  the article has been omitted.

7. With some expressions of time and place<sup>g</sup> (§ 33. 1-3).

8. With the adverbial accusative of specification (§ 33. 8).<sup>h</sup>

9. With expressions in which there is a transition to something new, or when something not thought of before is added.<sup>i</sup>

10. With what is strictly speaking an oblique case, or after  $\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{j}$  with a circumstantial clause, or with what is meant to be less distinct or independent.<sup>k</sup>

11. With the subject of passive verbs and of verbs which are neuter or intransitive.

#### REMARKS.

(a) For its use with pronominal suffixes, see § 11. 2. b.

(b) Whether definite in themselves, or by position, see § 4. 1, 2. The cases in which JNN occurs with an indefinite noun are few, e. g., Ex. 2:1; 21: 28; 2 Sam. 18:18; and these cases are suspicious.

(c) Yet here omitted frequently, especially in poetry; cf. Ex. 15 and Judg. 5.

(d) When the object is double it is sometimes expressed with both, sometimes with one; and at other times it is omitted, e. g., 1 Sam. 17:36; Gen. 2:19; Deut. 12:6; 14:12-18; Num. 12:5.

(e) Also with other numerals accompanied by nouns, e. g., 2 Sam. 15:16; 1 Kgs. 6:16.

(f) Compare Lev. 7:8; 20:14.

(g) This usage is very rare.

(h) Compare the use of  $\square N$  with the nominative absolute (§ 7. 5).

(i) Compare with this the later use of  $\checkmark$ .

(j) Compare the use of the accusative in Arabic after wa in the sense of together with.

(k) Note the usage of N in Zech. 8:17 and Deut. 11:2.

#### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Gen. 7:23; 17:511.	Gen. 33:18 7.
Gen. 8:21 3.	Ex. 10:811.
Gen. 18:19 2.	Lev. 7:8; 20:14 4.

*{?* 35, 36.]

Num. 16:15 3.	2 Sam. 21: 22 9.
Deut. 2:34 3.	1 Kgs. 11:2510.
Deut. 12:2211.	1 Kgs. 22: 27 2.
Josh. 22:1711.	2 Kgs. 6:510.
1 Sam. 16:3 2.	Ezek. 14:22;44:39.
1 Sanı. 17:34; 26:1610.	Ezek. 43:17
1 Sam. 20:1311.	Mic. 6:1 2.
1 Sam. 26:20 3.	Job 13:25 6.
2 Sam. 5:24 (cf. also 1 Sam. 24:6) 6.	

# 35. The Accusative with the Passive.

- 1. יחלק את הארץ<sup>1</sup> the land shall be divided. [Esau.
   עשו<sup>2</sup> and were told to Rebekah the words of רוולר לחנוך את עירר<sup>3</sup> and Irad was born to Enoch.
- 2. יהראה את הכהן <sup>4</sup> it shall be shown to the priest. דרב תאכלו <sup>5</sup> ye shall be made to devour the sword. ילשוני מרבק מלקוחי<sup>6</sup> my tongue is made to attach itself to my jaws.
- זנוראות נפליתי I have been fearfully distinguished.
   הכוסכן תרומה \* impoverished of an oblation.
- 4. ארמין ארמין יותכולא הארץ and the carth was filled with them. יכולבשים בגרים ויכול ויכולבשים בגרים ויכול

The accusative is used with the passive as follows:

1. That which was the object of the active is often construed also as an object of the passive, though really a subject.

- 2. Verbs which in the active take two accusatives, in the pass. take one.
- 3. An adverbial accusative may remain with the passive.

4. Verbs of fullness and clothing may take in the passive an accusative.

### REFERENCES FOR STUDY.

Ex. 10:8; 21:28; 25:28; 27:71.	Jer. 35:141.
1 Kgs. 2:211.	Ps. 80:11
Jer. 22:19	Job 7:3

### 36. VERBAL APPOSITION AND SUBORDINATION.

1. ורואל נא ולין be pleased now and lodge.

וישב ויחפר<sup>12</sup> and he returned and digged.

ויקח אשה and he added and took a wife.

1 Num. 26:55.	<sup>5</sup> Isa. 1:20.	8 Is. 40:20.	11 Judg. 19:6.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 27:42.	6 Ps. 22:16.	9 Ex. 1:7.	12 Gen. 26:18.
3 Gen. 4:18.	7 Ps. 139:14.	10 1 Kgs. 22:10.	13 Gen. 25:1.
4 Lev. 13:49			

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קול השופר הולך וחזק going and becoming strong. ילמען ילמרו ויראו למען ילמרו ויראו begin, take possession. שישוב ילטוש he will return, will sharpen (= will again sharpen). ידערנו תרברו be do much, ye speak (= ye speak much). קרואיל הלך he was willing, he went (= he went willingly). a. a. קרו הלך they would not go.

- b. ארון ארון ארון ישנא ארון and they added still to hate him.
- c. מהרת למצא<sup>9</sup> thou hast hastened to find (found quickly). הרבתה להתפלל<sup>10</sup> she did much to pray (prayed much).
- 4. אכנה וידעתי אכנה וולא ירעתי אכנה וולא ירעתי אכנה וולא ירעתי אכנה ווידיל he desired to make great. לטל יקטל וויקום רוצח יקטל the murderer rises to kill.
- 5. אבהתימך שורר<sup>14</sup> when thou shalt finish to destroy. יידע מנגן <sup>15</sup> one who knows how to play.

When one verbal form is employed to define the idea expressed by another, whether indicating some attendant circumstance or characteristic, or describing what grows immediately out of the first, the following constructions are found :

1. Both verbs are finite, the second being joined to the first by 1 (either conjunctive or consecutive); here both verbs may be Imperatives, the first a Perfect and the second an Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive, or the first an Imperfect and the second a Perfect with Wāw Cons.<sup>a</sup>

2. Both verbs are finite, there being no connective ; $^{a,c}$  this is more common in poetry.

3. The first verb is a finite form, and the second an Infinitive, either (1) Inf. abs., or (2) Inf. cons. without  $\checkmark$ , or (3) Inf. cons. with  $\checkmark$ .<sup>b</sup>

4. Both verbs are finite, the second being brought into *direct* subordination to the first by being placed in the Imperfect (*subjunctive*); this is rare and late.<sup>a</sup>

5. The second verb may be a Participle and thus describe the circumstances "more vividly than would either the (subjunctive) Imperfect, or the Infinitive."<sup>e</sup>

1 Ex, 19:19.	5 1 Sam. 2:3.	9 Gen. 27:20.	13 Job 24:14.
<sup>2</sup> Deut. 31: 12.	6 Hos. 5:11.	10 1 Sam. 1:12.	14 Isa. 33:1.
3 Deut. 2:24.	7 Isa. 42:24.	11 Job 32:22.	15 1 Sam. 16:16.
4 Ps. 7:13.	8 Gen. 37:5.	12 Isa. 42:21.	

## REMARKS.

(a) In this case the second verb agrees with the first in gender, and number, and generally in tense.

(b) On this use of the Infinitive absolute and construct, cf. §§ 28, 29.

(c) In the passages cited, the first verb qualifies the second; in Isa. 53:11 יראה ישבע he shall see satisfyingly, and Jer. 4:5 קראו מלאו call ye with full voice, the second qualifies the first.

(d) Examine Num. 22:6 and Isa. 47:1, in which there is an interesting change of number and person, with which this construction is closely connected.

(e) In 1 Sam. 3:2 an adjective is used instead of a Participle.

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Gen. 2:3; 11:83c.	Jer.
Gen. 30:312.	Jer.
Gen. 45: 91.	Jer.
Ex. 18: 23	Hos
Num. 22: 64.	Hos
Deut. 1:5	Joel
Deut. 2:16; 3:243c.	Jon.
Deut. 2:25,313b.	Mic.
Josh. 3:16; 5:22.	Zech
Josh. 7:71.	Ps.1
1 Sam. 20:192.	Prov
2 Kgs. 1:11,131.	Job
Isa. 1:143b.	Job.
Isa. 1:17; 7:15; 57:203a.	Lam
Isa. 6:131.	$1 \mathrm{Ch}$
Isa. 29:153c.	2 Ch
Isa. 47:14.	

Jer. 3:33b.	
Jer. 9:4	
Jer. 22:305.	
Hos.2:111.	
Hos.1:6; 9:92.	
Joel 2:20,213c.	
Jon. 4:23c.	
Mic. 6:133b.	
Zech. 8:152.	
Ps. 127:25.	
Prov. 15:21	
Job 19:3; 20:192.	
Job. 23: 31.	
Lam. 4:144.	
1 Chr. 13:2	
2 Chr. 26:153c.	

## IV. The Sentence.

37. THE SUBJECT AND PREDICATE.

- 1. ייצאו מן העם some of the people went out. הרבה נפל מן העם<sup>2</sup> much of the people fell. הרבה להנגי משחיתם<sup>3</sup> behold, I am about to destroy them.
- 2. a. אז יאכירו בגוים then they said among the nations. לא תוסיפי יקראו לך<sup>5</sup> thou shalt no longer be called.
  - b. איטמה בבל לכן קרא ישמה בבל ישמה בבל ישמה בבל ישמה בבל ישמה אישמה בבל ישמה מוגל ישמה שמונה ישמה שמונה ישמה שמונה ישמה ישמה אישמים. אוס ישמים אישמים ישמים אוס אישמים ישמים ישמי
  - c. יפל הנפל<sup>9</sup> anyone who falls. <sup>10</sup> let him that glorieth glory.
  - d. אין מא far as thy coming = until one comes. היער ליהוה ליהוה יבערכך נפיטת ליהוה I' in thine estimating persons unto Y.
- a. יינוח לי<sup>13</sup> it will be quiet for me (= I will feel quiet).
   אימקטר<sup>14</sup> it is scattered as incense (= incense is offered).
  - b. המטיר<sup>15</sup> it has become dark; המטיר<sup>16</sup> it rains.
    <sup>16</sup> it rains.

In reference to the *subject* of a sentence, it may be noted that,

1. Aside from the noun, adjective and pronoun which may serve as subject, prepositional phrases, adverbs and pronominal suffixes (joined to particles) also perform this service.

2. When the subject is *indefinite* (German man, French on, Eng. they) various constructions are employed, viz.:<sup>a</sup>

a. The verb in the third person plural.<sup>b</sup>

b. The verb in the *third person singular*, in giving names, when the subject may be gathered from the nature of the verb, or from the context.

Ex. 16:27.
 2 2 Sam. 1:4.
 3 Gen. 6:13.
 4 Ps. 126:2.
 5 Isa. 47:1.

<sup>6</sup> Gen. 11:9.
<sup>7</sup> Amos 6:12.
<sup>8</sup> Zech. 13:6.
<sup>9</sup> Deut. 22:8.

<sup>10</sup> Jer. 9:23. <sup>11</sup> Gen. 13:10. <sup>12</sup> Lev. 27: 2,3. <sup>13</sup> Job 3:13. Mal. 1:11.
 Mic. 3:6.
 Amos 4:7.
 Judg. 10:9.

c. The verb with a Participle of the same for subject.

d. The pronoun of the second person singular, in the formula  $\mathcal{V}$ , and in legal phraseology.

3. When the subject is *impersonal* (where in English we use it) there is employed,

a. The verb (or participle) in the third singular, and when active, generally masculine; when passive, always masculine; but

b. The verb in the third singular *feminine* in description of material phenomena, and also elsewhere.

4. a. צריק יהוה Yahweh is righteous.

Yahweh is the righteous one.

b. אמת '' אמת'' the judgments of Y. are truth (= true). יעיניך יונים thine cyes are doves (= like doves' eyes).

c. בשמים כסאו <sup>5</sup> his throne is in heaven. <sup>6</sup> is your father in health ? יאתם המעט מכל העמים ye are the least of all the peoples.

4. Aside from a verb, the *predicate* may be,

a. An adjective, which is undefined, unless it is desired for special reason to prefix the article.

b. A noun, a construction frequently employed because of the want of adjectives.

c. A prepositional phrase, adverbial accusative, or adverb.

5. a. קציר היום<sup>8</sup> harvest (is) to-day; " צריק Y. (is) righteous.

- b. הרם הוא הנפש <sup>10</sup> the blood is the soul; דור הוא הנפש <sup>10</sup> D. was (or is) the youngest; אלה אלה יכוה אלה יכוה אלה (cf. Zech. 4:4).
  <sup>12</sup> what are these ? (cf. Zech. 4:4).
- c. נארץ עוץ היה בארץ עוץ<sup>14</sup> there was (lived) a man in the land of Uz. סיוהנחש היה ערום<sup>15</sup> and the serpent had become subtle.
- d. רקוה לויש תקוה there is hope; ריוש אתך it is with thec. <sup>19</sup> straw is not given. <sup>19</sup> behold me; הבן אין נתן<sup>19</sup> straw is in the tent.

1 Ps. 11:7. 7 Deut. 7:7. 12 Zech. 4:5. 17 Prov. 3:28. 13 2 Sam. 7:23. 18 Gen. 37:29. 2 Ex. 9:27. 8 1 Sam. 12:17. 14 Job 1:1. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 19:10. 9 Ps. 11:7. 19 Ex. 5:16. 10 Deut. 12:23. 15 Gen. 3:1. 20 ] Sam. 3:4. 4 Cant. 1:15. 16 Job 11:18. 21 Gen. 18:9. <sup>5</sup> Ps. 11:4. 11 1 Sam. 17:14. 6 Gen. 43:27.

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5. The subject and predicate may be united in various ways:

a. They may stand together, with no connecting word of any kind.<sup>c</sup>

b. They may be joined by means of the pronoun of the third pers.; whether the circumstance is one of past or present time, and whether the subject is first, second or third person. At first expressing existence only in the most general way, it comes to be equivalent to our verb to be, and is especially used when both subject and predicate are definite.<sup>d,e</sup> Cf. \$ 7. 6, 7.

e. The verb nay be employed; but this always expresses the idea of becoming, existing, and is therefore never identical with the substantive verb to be.f

d. Certain particles, viz., שי existence, אין non-existence, see, behold, are employed. These were originally nouns, but in usage have come to be practically equivalent to our copula.

## REMARKS.

(a) On the use of כל, דבר, איש to express the indefinite subject, § 14. 2. b.

(b) A paraphrastic mode of expression to express the same force as that conveyed by the third person plural is seen in the use of the passive, with which the accusative is joined, e. g., יתן את הארין = let them give the land; cf. Gen. 17:5; 27:42; Amos 4:2, etc. (§ 35.1).

(c) "An external sign for connecting the two main constituents of a proposition, when the predicate is not to be a verb-in other words, a copula-is really unnecessary; because the mode in which the discourse is delivered by the living voice is of itself sufficient to indicate the separation, in meaning, between the two different halves of the sentence; and, in Hebrew, a special word for this purpose is, in actual fact, very rarely used. The Indo-Germanic languages begin pretty early to use the verb to be for this sign, when the predicate did not consist of a more complete verb, and thus the substantive verb came to be the mere copula in a sentence, whereas the Semitic languages properly do not yet know of any such usage, and have, in this respect also, remained much more simple."\*

(d) But also in later Hebrew frequently when the subject is indefinite.

(e) Cf. the use of הוא in Nah. 2:9; Isa. 18:2,7.

(f) Cf. the use of d = he is not. Gen. 42:11; Isa. 15:6; 23:13.

(g) For an interesting use of net to turn and occ become, see Lev. 13:3,4; Jer. 31:21.

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Gen. 11:14b.	Deut. 33:254b.
Gen. 15:14c.	1 Sam. 16:233a,
Gen. 18:95d.	1 Sam. 19:225d.
Ex. 9:314b.	1 Sam. 19:222b.
Deut. 4:321	1 Sam. 21:64b.
Deut. 7:74c.	2 Sam. 7:28

\* Ewald, Hebrew Syntax, pp. 134,135.

1 Kgs. 14:10; 18:262b.	Zech. 6:12
Isa.6:102b.	Ps. 44:5
Isa. 7:244b.	Ps. 45:74b.
Isa. 8:42b.	Ps. 87:3
Isa. 23:13a.	Ps. 148:62b.
Jer. 13:163a.	Prov. 3:285d.
Ezek. 43:19-272d.	Prov. 8:144c.
Mic. 2:4,82b.	Job 8:94c.
Nah.1:141	Job 11:185d.
Zeph.2:125b.	Job 34:202a.
Hag. 1:63a.	Ruth 1:125d.
Hag. 2:31	

## 38. Order of Words in a Sentence

- 1. a. יברא אלהים את השמים God created the heaven. אל האשה<sup>2</sup> and the serpent said unto the woman.
  - b. גדול אתה וגרול שמך <sup>3</sup> great thou art and great is thy name. יהוה אלהיך הוא אלהים <sup>4</sup> Yahweh, thy God, is God.
  - c. יןיהוה ענה בי<sup>5</sup> seeing that Y. hath testified against me. וראשו מגיע בשמים<sup>6</sup> and the top (was) reaching to heaven.
- 2. a. ברא א' את השמים God created the heaven. [name.
  - b. השכיחו את עמי שמי they have caused my people to forget my
  - c. אתן לך עשרת כסף I will give thee ten pieces of silver. ויברך אתם אלהים מוע God blessed them.

1. The usual order of words, so far as concerns the two principal members, is as follows:

a. Predicate, subject, when the predicate is a verb.a

b. Predicate, subject, when the predicate is an adjective; <sup>b</sup> but subject, predicate, when the predicate is a noun.<sup>c</sup>

c. Subject, predicate, in what are called descriptive or circumstantial clauses.<sup>d</sup>

2. a. The usual order of words, so far as concerns the three principal members, is predicate, subject, object (direct or indirect);<sup>e</sup> and

b. If there are two objects, that one comes first which is the more important; but

c. When the object (direct or indirect) is a pronoun, it is likely immediately to follow the predicate *I* 

1 Gen. 1:1.	4 Deut. 4:35.	6 Gen. 28:12.	8 Judg. 17:10.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 3:4.	5 Ruth 1:21.	7 Jer. 23: 27.	9 Gen. 1:22.
<sup>3</sup> Jer. 10:6.			

## REMARKS.

(a) In Hebrew, the *act* was more important than the agent, and was consequently placed first.

(b) Compare the position of the adjective when attributive, viz., after the noun (§ 10. 2. a.).

(c) This order, which is always followed when neither subject nor predicate is to be emphasized, indicates at once which is subject and which is predicate.

(d) "By putting the *subject* first, and the predicate afterwards, the action, its development, and its progress do not come into the foreground, as in ordinary narrative discourse; but the *pcrson* is placed first, by himself, in order to be immediately thereafter more fully described and depicted as he is; and the whole proposition, in a manner quite the opposite of the usual narrative style, presents us with a harmonious and placid picture of something continuous, permanent,—just as the speaker conceives it."\*

(e) Furthermore it may be said, additions in the form of an adjective, genitive or adverb *follow* the particular word which they modify. There are, of course special rules for the Infinitive absolute (§ 28.) and negatives (§ 37.).

(f) There is a growing tendency to insert small words and expressions between the more important members, e.g., או ואני באר 14:5; באר 18:13; לי Ps. 7:14; לי Job 1:1.

3. a. ומעיל קטן תעשה לו אמו and a little robe his mother made for

הכלבים<sup>2</sup> him that dieth of J. in the city shall the dogs cat.

- b. ניבקיט ארכי מבקיט ארכי מבקיט זיש brethren I am seeking. [thing.
  that the prophet bid thee (do) a great
- c. ואתה בריתי השמר<sup>5</sup> and thou my covenant shalt keep.

יערה פתהן יערה <sup>6</sup> Y. will lay bare their secret parts.

d. וכתב האלת האלה הכהן and the pricst shall write these curses. שכלה נשים חרבך<sup>8</sup> thy sword has made women childless.

3. From the usual order (see above), there are sometimes found variations, e. g.,

a. Object, predicate, subject, which emphasizes the object.

b. Object, subject, predicate, which likewise emphasizes the object; this is the usual construction when the predicate is a participle, but elsewhere rare.

c. Subject, object, predicate, which emphasizes the subject, and "in prose confers upon the phrase a poetical coloring by transferring the predicate to the end."

 <sup>1 1</sup> Sam, 2:19.
 <sup>5</sup> Gen, 37:16.
 <sup>5</sup> Gen, 17:9.
 <sup>7</sup> Num, 5:23.

 2 1 Kgs, 14:11.
 4.2 Kgs, 5:13.
 6 Isa, 3:17.
 8 I Sam, 15:33.

 \* Evented Hoherer Struter, pp. 152
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<sup>\*</sup> Ewald, Hebrew Syntax, pp. 152, 153.

d. Predicate, object, subject, which emphasizes the subject; this is rare except when the object is a pronominal suffix (see & 38. 2. c).

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Gen. 1:121a.	1 Sam. 15:33
Gen. 1:282c.	1 Sam. 20:203c.
Gen. 2:10lc.	1 Sam. 25:142a.
Gen. 21:7	2 Sam. 3:261c.
Gen. 23;63c.	Isa. 5:17; 28:17b
Gen. 42:302a.	Isa. 13:18; 17:5; 26:19; 30:243c.
Num. 5:233d.	Isa. 18:51b.
Judg. 9:36; 14:43b.	Isa. 19:133d.
Judg. 12:11,133d.	Jer. 9:192b.
Judg. 17:63c.	Ps. 51:5
Judg. 17:102c.	Job 6:121b.
1 Sam. 7:14; 15:1; 17:36; 25:43; 28:18,193a.	

## 39. EMPHASIS.

1. אָמָר יהיה יהיה עמך go, and Yahweh be with thee. את הארי הכה עברך the lion thy servant smote. ז' וו my drcam, behold, I stood.

2. a. את העם העביר אתו את העם העביר אתו את העם העביר אתו.
b. ונפקחו אכלכם ונפקחו זי in the day of your eating, then shall be, etc.
c. הוא הוא וותלך גם הוא of and his concubine, she also bare.

זותראהו את הילר and she saw him, the boy.
 אנכי נהן להם לבני יש<sup>\*</sup> I give to them, the children of Israel.

- 4. a. יאני הרק אני and I only am escaped. [own enemies.
   b. ווא יבי לי in me; וו הוא in his mouth also; יאיבי לי <sup>10</sup>
- a. ארץ ארק תרדף זיגוע that which is altogether righteous thou shalt, etc.
   יארץ ארץ שמעי 4 O earth, earth, earth, hear.
  - b. הקנה מאותך <sup>15</sup> nay, but I will buy from thee. <sup>16</sup> they had but just set the watch. <sup>17</sup> wilt thou actually reign ? <sup>18</sup> I thought he will certainly go out.

6. ארני הוא <sup>19</sup> the blood itself; ארני הוא <sup>20</sup> the Lord himself.

7. קל get thee; לכ לו get thee; א<sup>22</sup> he betook himself to flight.

11 Sam. 17:37. 21 Sam. 17:36. 3 Gen. 41:17. 4 Gen. 47:21. 5 Gen. 3:5. 6 Gen. 22:24.

<sup>8</sup> Josh. 1:2. <sup>9</sup> Job 1:15. <sup>10</sup> 1 Sam. 25:24. <sup>11</sup> 2 Sam. 17:5. <sup>12</sup> Ps. 27:2.

7 Ex. 2:6.

<sup>13</sup> Deut. 16: 20. <sup>14</sup> Jer. 22: 29. <sup>15</sup> 2 Sam. 24: 24. <sup>15</sup> Judg. 7:19. <sup>17</sup> Gen. 37: 8.

18 2 Kgs. 5:11.
19 Lev. 17:11.
20 Isa. 7:14.
21 Gen. 12:1.
22 Isa. 31:8.

The language has various methods of marking emphasis, some of which have already been treated in other connections. The more important may be grouped as follows:

1. The word to be emphasized is placed, out of the usual order, at the head of its clause (§ 38. 3).

2. The word or phrase is placed independently at the beginning, without grammatical connection with what follows, and is afterwards resumed

a. By a pronoun or another noun.<sup>a</sup>

b. By Wāw, either conjunctive (rare) or consecutive (with Perfect or Imperfect).<sup>b</sup>

c. By both Wāw and a pronoun.

3. The idea is expressed first by a pronoun and then by a noun.<sup>c</sup>

4. When a pronoun is to be emphasized, it is repeated either in the form of a separate pronoun, or of a pronominal suffix.<sup>d</sup>

5. a. The word, a noun, is simply repeated, sometimes twice.<sup>e, f</sup>

b. The word, a verb, is written twice; once (generally first) in the form of the Infinitive absolute; a usage (§ 28. 3) found in the expression of (1) antithetic, (2) restrictive, (3) emphatic interrogative, and (4) emphatic declarative sentences.

6. The word to be emphasized is followed by the pronoun  $risk constant constant (not the same), in the sense of <math>ab\tau \delta c$ , ipse.

7. The use of the "ethical" dative marks the action as of special importance to the agent.g

#### REMARKS.

(a) See § 7. 1-4.

(b) See § 25. 2. d.

(c) This is rare and confined mostly to later writers.

(d) See § 11. 1. a.; in later writers, however, this construction does not seem to be especially emphatic.

(e) Note the repetition of series of words in Ex. 28:34; Num. 17:21; Hos. 8:11; Ezek. 1:20,21; Isa, 53:7; Zech. 12:12-14.

(f) See also § 6. 3. a.

(g) "This mode of expression indicates a special partition in the action by the agent or speaker, a certain earnestness or zeal with which he acts; it occurs as an expression of heartiness more in the diffuse and easy-going popular style, both in poetry and unimpassioned prose."\*

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Gen. 2:17; 17:142a.	Gen. 27: 37; 42:121.
Gen. 14:105a.	Gen. 40:92b.
Gen. 27:34	Ex. 12:426.

\* Ewald, Hebrew Syntax, 173.

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Deut. 21:7	.1.
Josh. 24:17	.4a.
1 Sam. 4:20	.2b.
2 Sam. 3:13	.1.
2 Sam. 4:10; 14:10	.2c.
1 Kgs. 15:13	.2c.
1 Kgs. 21:19	.4.
Isa.6:3	.5a.
Isa. 8:13,14	
Isa. 17:6	
Jer. 2:31; 49:12	
Jer. 9:14: 27:8	
Ezek. 21:32	

Hos. 4:146.	
Amos 7:12	
Mic. 7:34.	
Hag. 1:44.	
<b>Ps.</b> 50:66.	
Prov. 3:346.	
Prov. 10: 22,242a	
Prov. 13:24	
Job 6:19	
Job 29:33.	
Cant. 8:14	
Eccl. 7:245a	
2 Chron. 25:10; 26:143.	

# 40. AGREEMENT OF NUMBER AND GENDER.

- 1. ובהו ובהו היתה היתה ובהו the earth was a waste and an emptiness. ישרים the statutes of Y. are right.
- 2. a. ותהי שם המגפה גרולה<sup>3</sup> and the slaughter there was great. and the eyes of both of them were opened. <sup>5</sup>היו אנשים נכלמים<sup>5</sup> the men were ashamed.
  - b. הא עליך רעה <sup>6</sup> there comes upon thee evil. דלא יסג כלמות reproaches do not depart. ז'לא יסג כלמות right are thy judgments.

the war was too strong for him.

3. אינה my eyes shall see.

ייכם רמים מלאו your hands are full of blood.

The general principles of agreement may be reduced to three :

1. When the *subject* precedes, the predicate agrees with it in gender and number.<sup>a</sup>

2. When the *predicate* precedes, two constructions are possible :

a. The predicate may agree with the subject in gender and number; or,

b. The predicate may assume the *primary form*, viz., third masculine singular, whatever be the number or gender of the following subject.<sup>b</sup>

3. When the subject is *dual*, the predicate generally stands in the plural (though sometimes in the feminine singular.)<sup>c</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:2.	4 Gen. 3:7.	7 Mic. 2:6.	10 Mic. 7:10.
<sup>2</sup> Ps. 19:9.	51 Chron. 19:5.	<sup>8</sup> Ps. 119:137.	11 Is. 1:15.
3 2 Sam. 18:7.	6 Is. 47:11.	9 2 Kgs. 3:26.	

- 4. a. יעלהה ארטנותיה סירים her palaces grow up with thorns. השטף ספיחיה<sup>2</sup> its floods wash away. גרטות שדה תערוג<sup>3</sup> the beasts of the field pine. יבהטות<sup>4</sup> thy youth is renewed.
  - b. איש ישראל and the men of Israel saw.
     בית שמש קצרים
     מוש קצרים
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- a all the days of Adam were.
   and all the congregation lifted up.
  - b. ויקול רמי אחיך צעקים ויאחיר אחיך צעקים hark! thy brother's blood erieth out. ז'קול צפיך נישאו קול hark! thy watchers lift up the voice.
  - c. רב שנים ידיעו חכמה <sup>13</sup> multitude of years shall teach wisdom. <sup>14</sup> the bow of the strong is broken. <sup>15</sup> the eyes of man's pride arc cast down

6. ובניו ובניו <sup>16</sup> and there went in Noah and his sons. ארון ארבר כירים ואהרן <sup>17</sup> and there spoke Miriam and Aaron. <sup>18</sup> Saul and his sons died. <sup>19</sup> and Joab and Abishai his brother

- 7. a ברוך ברוך ברוך blessed be (every one of) those who bless thee. [death. חומת (any one of) those who profane it shall be put to
  - <sup>b</sup> הוות קרבם הוות נכונה קרבם הוות נכונה קרבם הוות faithfulness in his mouth, their inward part (is) depths. אין יברכו ובקרבם יקללו יברכו ובקרבם יקללו vith his mouth they bless, but they eurse inwardly.
  - c. ושרק לו and he will lift up his banner to the nations and will hiss to it.
  - d. ר'....פרציהן והרסתיו אקים ובניתיה I will raise up the tabernacle (f.) of David and close up their (f.) breaches, and his ruins I will raise up and I will build her.

Is. 34:13.
 Job 14:19.
 Joel 1:20.
 Ps. 103:5.
 Jud. 9:55.
 I Sam. 6:13.
 Exod. 1:10.

<sup>8</sup> 2 Sam. 15:23.
<sup>9</sup> Gen. 5:5.
<sup>10</sup> Num. 14:1.
<sup>11</sup> Gen. 4:10.
<sup>12</sup> Is. 52:8.
<sup>13</sup> Job 32:7.
<sup>14</sup> I Sam. 2:4.

<sup>15</sup> Is. 2:11.
 <sup>16</sup> Gen. 7:7.
 <sup>17</sup> Num. 12:1.
 <sup>18</sup> I Sam. 31:7.
 <sup>19</sup> 2 Sam. 20:10.
 <sup>20</sup> Num. 24:9.

<sup>21</sup> Exod. 31:14.
 <sup>22</sup> Ps. 5:9,10.
 <sup>23</sup> Ps. 62:5.
 <sup>24</sup> Is. 5:26.
 <sup>25</sup> Amos. 9:11.

The exceptions to the general principles given above, arising from an adherence to the *sense* rather than the *form*, may be classified as follows:

4. a. The predicate may be feminine singular when the subject, designating lifeless objects, animals, members of the body, abstract ideas (see under § 2. 2. b, c.) is plural.<sup>d</sup>

b. The predicate may be *plural*, when the subject is a collective noun, though singular.<sup>e</sup>

5. When the subject is a nominative in the construct relation with a genitive,

a. The predicate always agrees with the genitive, if the nominative is all.

b. The predicate often agrees with the genitive, if the nominative is  $\zeta_i < c_i$ 

'c. The predicate in poetry may agree with the genitive whenever it is desired to lay upon it special emphasis. f,g

6. When the subject consists of two or more nouns joined by  $\mathbf{i}$ , whether preceding or following the predicate, the latter may agree with one and be understood with the other, or may be in the plural and thus agree with them taken together.

7. There is frequently found change from one number to the other; here belong

a. Cases in which an individual subject is generalized or the opposite.

b. Cases in which both individualizing and, later, generalizing take place.

c. Cases in which, after speaking of a multitude, the writer suddenly limits himself to one of that number.

d. Cases in which several changes take place in the same verse, which may only be explained by supposing a desire for variety, or by special considerations characteristic of that verse.

#### REMARKS.

(a) Cf., however, (1) Isa. 21:2; Gen. 35:26; Hos. 10:6; where what seems to be a subject, with which the predicate though following does not agree, is really an accusative with a passive verb; and (2) Gen. 4:7; Eccl. 2:7 (cf. 1 Kgs. 2:21), etc., in which the predicate, disagreeing with its subject, is a participle used as a substantive.

(b) The adjective will then be singular masculine; though the number of instances in which the adjective follows this usage is not proportionately so great as in the case of the verb.

(c) Cf. עיניו קמה (1 Sam. 4:15).

(d) Here the feminine is treated as neuter; cf. the Greek construction, according to which a neuter plural subject takes a singular predicate.

(e) On the use of the plural of בעל , ארון (Ex. 21:29), etc., see § 3. 2. c.

(f) This is the principle everywhere operating when the nominative is a numeral (3 to 10, 100, 1000) in the construct.

(g) Cf. also the use of מכחר in Ex. 15:4.

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Gen. 1:14; 41:502b.	Isa. 30:203
Gen. 3:5 3	Jer. 4:14; 12:44a.
Gen. 8:22; 15:1; 40:16	Jer. 8:5; 23:67d.
Gen. 27:297a.	Jer. 10:4
Ex. 15:205a.	Jer. 44:27 4b.
Ex. 31:14	Hos. 4:8
Lev. 2:2	Hos. 9:14 3
Deut. 28:326	Mic. 1:132b.
Deut. 28:487c.	Hag. 2:167a.
Deut. 32:352b.	Zech. 6:144a.
Josh. 8:202b.	Ps. 18:28
Judg. 20:374b.	Ps. 18:35 4 <i>a</i> .
1 Sam. 25:272b.	Prov. 3:18
2 Sam. 24:134a.	Job 12:74a.
<b>1</b> Kgs. 1:41; 14:65b.	Job 29:105b.
1 Kgs. 22:362b.	Job 32:7; 15:20; 21:215c.
Isa. 23:2; 25:3; 60:54b.	Job 42:152b.
Isa. 23:13; 30:11; 10:57d.	

# V. Kinds of Sentences.

# 41. NEGATIVE SENTENCES.

- 1. a. (1) אליו אליו שוב אליו יולא יספה שוב אליו עוד (1 and she returned unto him no more. מון all flesh shall not again be cut off.
  - (2) לא תרצח....לא תרצח<sup>3</sup> thou shalt do no murder...thou shalt not steal.
  - b. אל אבושה אל יעלצו אויבי לי let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me.
     האל נא תהי מריבה pray, let there be no strife.
     אל תוסף רבר אלי עוד speak to me no more.
  - c. ישלחני (it is) not Y. (but some one else that) sent me.
- 2. a. כל עשב השרה טרם יצמח s no herb of the field had yet, etc.
  - b. ילבלתי החטאו ייל יילר יי החטאו ייל יילר יי החטאו.
  - c. האין אכן נראה no stone was seen.
  - d. אין דגיר לו הגיר לו because he did not make known to him.
  - e. אווי לעולם בל ימוט<sup>12</sup> the righteous shall never be removed. ארשת ש' בל מנעת<sup>13</sup> the desire of his life thou hast not withheld. וירשו ארץ<sup>14</sup> that they may not rise and possess the land.
  - f. אפם <sup>15</sup> and all her princes were no more.
  - 1. The most commonly used negatives are  $\forall \lambda \neq 0$  and  $\forall \lambda \in \mathcal{N}$ 
    - a.  $\vec{\mathbf{\nabla}}$  is the *objective*, unconditional negative (=  $o\dot{v}$ ,  $o\dot{v}\kappa$ ), and is used,
      - (1) with the Perf. and Impf. (Indicative) in ordinary declarative sentences; a
      - (2) with the Imperfect in prohibitory sentences.

b.  $\aleph r$  is the *subjective*, dependent negative, and is used with the Imperfect (Jussive), to express dissuasion, deprecation.b

c. The position of  $\aleph c$  and  $\aleph c$  is immediately before the predicate; but they may stand also before another word when that particular word is to be specially emphasized.<sup>c,d</sup>

 1 Gen. 8:12.
 5 Gen. 13:8.
 9 Ex. 20:20.
 13 Ps. 21:3.

 2 Gen. 9:11.
 6 Deut. 3:26.
 10 1 Kgs. 6:18.
 14 Isa. 14:21.

 3 Ex. 20:14.
 7 Num. 16:29.
 11 Gen. 31:20.
 15 Isa. 34:12.

 4 Ps. 25:2.
 8 Gen. 2:5.
 12 Prov. 10:30.

2. With the Perfect and Imperfect there are found, besides  $\checkmark$  and  $\checkmark$ , also the following negatives :

a. Different not yet, sometimes with the Perfect, but more often with the Imperfect in a past sense (cf.  $\gtrless$  20. 1. b).

b. יְכְרָלְתָל *in order that....not*, very rare, and with an ellipsis of אשר

c. <u>No hing</u>, there is not; with this negative the verbal form is generally a Participle (§ 45. 3); but rarely a finite form is found.

d. בְּלָתי not (cf. בלתי), generally after a preposition, but in poetry also alone in the sense of לא.

e. בל not, shorter form of  $\subset$ , found only in poetry, and not different from  $\subset$ .

f. לאָכָ *no more*; like אין, originally a noun; its more common use is to indicate restriction, limitation.

3. אינני נהן he is not hearing; אינני שמע I do not give.

ל מאומה את כל מאומה the keeper of the prison looked not to anything.

נתן straw is not given.

- 4. a. אים ולבלתי סור to keep...and not to turn aside. [eat from it. אשר צויתיך לבלתי אכל ממנו <sup>6</sup> which I commanded thee not to
  - b. אין עמך להתיצב<sup>7</sup> it is not possible to stand before thee. אין ערך אליך<sup>8</sup> there is no comparing unto thee.
  - c. בלא ראות without seeing.
  - d. מעבר that they go not over; מראות that he could not see.
- a. בכל ולא חכם נבל ולא חכם 12 a people foolish and unwise.
   a no-god ; ולא ערהים 14 a no-wood.
  - b. אין מספר<sup>15</sup> strong and without number. שין איש<sup>16</sup> there is no man at all; אין יוסף<sup>17</sup> Joseph is gone. ארם אין צריק<sup>18</sup> no man whatever is just.
  - c. בלתי כרה<sup>19</sup> chastisement without ceasing. [of Gideon. <sup>19</sup> Gideon (סיגר) לאין זאת בלתי אם חרב גרעון this is no other than the sword

1 Jer. 7:16. 8 Ps. 40:6. 14 Isa. 10:15. 2 Ex. 5:10. 9 Num. 35:23. 15 Joel 1:6. 3 Gen. 39:23. 10 Num. 32:7. 16 Gen. 31:50. 4 Ex. 5:16. 11 Gen. 27:1. 17 Gen. 37:29. 5 Deut. 17:19,20. 12 Deut. 32:6. 18 Eecl. 7:20. 13 Deut. 32:21. 6 Gen. 3:11. 19 Is. 14:6. 72 Chron. 20:6. 20 Judg. 7:14. d. בלי מים יושגה אחו בלי מים can the reed-grass grow without water? ישגה אחו בלי מים so as not to be a nation; כממלך so as not to be king.

3. With the *participle*  $i \approx i$  is used almost exclusively; this is in accordance with the original use of  $i \approx i$  as a negative of substantives (see 5. below), and with the nominal nature of  $i \approx i$  itself, which is never lost. This combination furnishes the prevailing form for expressing a negative present, though not of course restricted to this use f.

4. With the *infinitive* there are found,

a. ל with the preposition ל, the usual negative of the Inf.

b. 7 and N, but only in late writers.

e. without, with the force of a preposition.

d. 19 from, so as not, lest, after verbs which imply restraint, hindrance, etc.

5. With nouns there are found,

a.  $\aleph$ , which gives an opposite meaning, like *un-*, *in-*, *im-*; this usage occurs in the case of substantives as well as of adjectives.

- b. rx (cf. 3. above), equivalent to without, or un-, in-, im-.
- c. בלא = בלתי, without, except.
- d. ', without, un-, in-.

e. ניס so as not to be, the Inf. היות being supplied in thought.

6. אין כסף לא נחשב למאומה silver was not at all regarded for anything (ef. ch. 9:20).

שכ without (= so that there is) no inhabitant.

ישראל f is it because there is no god in Israel ?

7. לא בכותו יקח הכל he will take nothing in his death.

הזה איש ביום הזה<sup>8</sup> no man shall be put to death this day.

8. אל תרבו...יצא עתק <sup>9</sup> multiply not....let no arrogance go forth. חולא לנצח ישכח....תאבר not forever shall be forgotten....shall perish.

6. More than one negative is sometimes employed in order to intensify the negative. This occurs chiefly in the case of  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma$  or  $\gamma$ , and seldom with the more common negatives.

7. To express nothing, no one, the negative is combined with  $\supset$  or  $\subset$  h (§ 14. 2. d.)

<sup>1</sup> Job 8:12.	41 Kgs. 10:21.	7 Ps. 49:18.	91 Sam. 2:3.
2 Jer. 48:2.	5 Isa. 5:9.	<sup>8</sup> 1 Sam. 11:13.	10 Ps. 9:19.
<sup>3</sup> 1 Sam. 15:23.	6 2 Kgs. 1:3.		

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8. In the case of two successive negative sentences, especially when, as in poetry, they are parallel, the negative may be omitted from the second, the influence of the first being deemed sufficient.

#### REMARKS.

(a) A few cases exist of x with the Jussive, e. g., Gen. 24:8; 1 Sam. 14:36.

(b) On the other hand  $\aleph'$  is thought by some to stand occasionally in a declarative sentence, e. g., Ps. 41:3; 50:3; Jer. 14:17, though with a stronger force than would have been conveyed by  $\aleph'$ .

(c) For the use of אל and אל, without a verb, 1 Kgs. 2:30; 11:22; Gen. 19:18; Ruth 1:13.

(d) לא cannot stand before a Participle (when used as a verb), an Infinitive absolute, or an Infinitive construct. Note cases in which, through the influence of א, a Participle passes into a finite verb, Ex. 9:20,21; 13:21,22; 1 Sam. 1:13; 2 Sam. 3:34; Hos. 1:6; Ps. 37:21.

(e) The î of בלי and בלי is the old archaic genitive ending.

(f) For cases in which this combination is used of the past, see Gen. 39:23; Jer. 32:33; of the future, Jer 37:14.

(g) Cf. בלתי, which is used particularly before a single word; בלתי, before a proposition.

(h) It is only when c = cc' annis that this combination may be found; when cc' totus, the cc' negatives the idea of wholeness.

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Gen. 2:5; 4:157	Jer. 7:16,173
Gen. 21:265c.	Jer. 7:32; 10:6,76
Gen. 24:152a.	Jer. 13:7
Gen. 31:294d.	Jer. 23:14; 27:182b.
Ex. 2:12; 5:115b.	Jer. 38:52c.
Ex. 3:2	Ezek. 13:3 2b.
Ex. 10:72a.	Hos. 8:72d.
Ex. 14:11	Amos 6:10
Ex. 22:195c.	Zeph. 2:26
Num. 11:6; 32:125c.	Ps. 10:4,6,11; 21:32e.
Deut. 17:204a.	Ps. 35:19; 38:28
Deut. 28:556	Ps. 43:1
Josh. 2:82a.	Prov. 30:255a.
1 Sam. 3:32a.	Job 18:156
2 Sam, 9:32f.	Job 28:178
1 Kgs. 18:435b.	Job 30:8
2 Kgs. 1:3,66	Job 35:152e.
2 Kgs. 4:2	Job 41:182d.
Isa. 6:116	Eccl. 8:11
Isa. 8:11; 49:154d.	Esth. 3:8; 7:43
Isa. 14:6; 28:85d.	Esth. 4:2; 8:84b.
Isa. 23:4	Ezra 9:154b.
Isa. 26:142e.	2 Chron. 5:11; 35:34b.
Isa. 52:145e.	2 Chron. 9:206
Jer. 5:75a.	

# 42. INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES.

- 1. את רעך את רעך 'is this thy kindness to thy friend? [Y.
   'נס בעיני יפלא נאס י' shall it also be marvelous in my cycs? saith saith 'נס אל' כן ביתי עם אל' 'for is not my house so with God?
- 2. a. האיש הזה התלכי עם האיש הזה wilt thou go with this man ? זהשלום אביכם זי is your father well ? [house ?
  - b. הנגלה נגליתי אל בית אביך did I plainly appear to thy father's
  - c. השמר אחי אנכי מא I my brother's keeper?
    - האתה תבנה לי בית<sup>8</sup> wilt thou build me a house? (cf. 1 Chr. 17:4).
  - d. ילראות הקלו המים to see whether the waters had abated.
- 3. אם תיטיב שאת <sup>10</sup> is there not a lifting up, if thou doest well? הלא זה הרבר אשר דברנו <sup>11</sup> is not this the thing which we told thee?
- 4. a. ג' אם נחרל ג' הנלך אל ר' ג' אם נחרל shall we go to Ramoth-gilead, or shall we forbear? [heard?

הלוא ידעת אם לא שמעת<sup>13</sup> hast thou not known, or hast thou not b. אחיה<sup>14</sup> enquire....if I shall recover.

ונראה אם פרחה הגפן<sup>15</sup> let us see whether the vine has budded.

1. A sentence is sometimes found to be interrogative, though lacking an interrogative particle. In such cases the arrangement of the words, or the tone of voice in the pronunciation of the sentence, was sufficient to indicate the interrogative force.<sup>a</sup>

2. The interrogative particle  $\exists$  (Lat. an, Greek i) is employed<sup>b</sup>

- a. In questions, the answer to which is entirely doubtful.
- b. In questions which are equivalent to a strong affirmative assertion.
- c. In questions equivalent to denial, or which call for a negative reply.
- d. In indirect questions, equivalent to whether.

3. The interrogative particle  $n_{i}$  (Lat. *nonne*) is employed when it is certain that an affirmative answer is expected.<sup>c</sup>

4. The interrogative particle  $\Box X$  (strictly *if*) is employed,

a. To introduce the second member of a double interrogative sentence; here the compound form [size] (cf. sive) is more common.<sup>d</sup>

b. To introduce an indirect question depending upon some preceding thought (cf. the use of [7] above).<sup>e</sup>

1 2 Sam. 16:17.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 43:27.	9 Gen. 8:8.	13 Isa. 40:28.
<sup>2</sup> Zech. 8:6.	6 1 Sam. 2:27.	10 Gen. 4:7.	14 2 Kgs. 1:2.
3 2 Sam. 23:5.	7 Gen. 4:9.	11 Ex. 14:12.	15 Cant. 7:13.
4 Gen. 24:58.	8 2 Sam. 7:5.	12 1 Kgs. 22:15.	

- 5. a. (1) מי שמך who is (what persons are in) the camp? מי שמך who is thy name?
  - (2) who then is the king of glory?
  - (3) ישקני מים who will (O that some one would) give me, etc.
  - b. (1) אלה  $\mathfrak{S}^{5}$  what (= of what kind or character) are these ?
    - (2) מה תריבון עמרי berefore do ye strive with me?
    - (3) ימה יצרק אנוש עם אל how can a man be just with God?
    - (4) אין דרוק ברוד<sup>8</sup> we have no portion in D. (cf. 2 Sam. 20:1).
    - (5) אימה לכם תרכאו עמי what mean ye (that) ye crush my people?
  - c. הדרך הלך which way did he go ? [house also?]
- 6. a. מתי אעשה גם א' לביתי when shall I provide for mine own
  - b. כמה יכוי שני חייך how many are the days of the years of thy life?
  - c. איכה נרע את הרבר<sup>13</sup> how shall we know the word, etc.? [you? האיכה אישא לברי טרחכם<sup>14</sup> how can I alone bear the burden of 'ז'איכה היתה לוונה ק' נ' how hath the faithful city become a harlot!
  - d. אלמה תכה רעך<sup>16</sup> why smitest thou thy fellow? למה רגשו גוים<sup>17</sup> why have the nations raged?
  - e. איום מהרתן בא היום<sup>18</sup> why have ye come so soon to-day? <sup>19</sup> why are your countenances sad to-day?

5. In reference to interrogative pronouns the following points in addition to what has been said may be noted :

# a. 12 who?

- (1) always refers to *persons*, whatever may be the particular phraseology of the sentence;
- (2) is frequently followed by הוא or הוא, and the sentence thus rendered more vivid and pointed;
- (3) is employed in conveying an optative idea.
- b. no what?
  - always refers to the nature or character of an object, and the object may, of course, be a person.
  - (2) introduces an expression of reproach or blame, and may be rendered *wherefore*?

1 Gen. 33:8.	6 Ex. 17:2.	11 Gen. 30:30.	16 Ex. 2:13.
<sup>2</sup> Judg. 13:17.	7 Job 9:2.	12 Gen. 47:8.	17 Ps. 2:1.
<sup>3</sup> Ps. 24:10.	8 1 Kgs. 12:16.	13 Deut. 18:21.	18 Ex. 2 18.
4 2 Sam. 23:15.	9 Isa. 3:15.	14 Deut. 1:12.	<sup>19</sup> Gen. 40:7.
<sup>5</sup> Zech. 1:9; 4:4,13.	10 1 Kgs. 13:12.	15 Isa. 1:21.	

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- (3) introduces an objection, or an interrogation implying impossibility, and may be rendered by *how*?
- (4) has come in a few eases to be equivalent to a negative, and may be rendered not.
- (5) with לכם or לכם, is used in expressions of strong reproof.

c. מה which? differs from מה מה מה in being an adjective, though always preceding the noun which it modifies.

6. Aside from interrogative particles and interrogative pronouns, there are many interrogative adverbs. Among others may be noted :

a. עד when? sometimes compounded with ל and עד

b. how much? how long?

c. איכָרו how? used to inquire as to the manner in which a given event is to take place; and also to introduce an expression equivalent to a negative, and to express wonder, lamentation.

d. לְכָוּה wherefore, why? used to ask for the purpose or aim of an action.

e. נודוע (for  $\chi = \gamma = \gamma$ , cf.  $\tau i \mu a \theta \omega v$ ), why? used to ask for the ground or cause of an action.

### REMARKS.

(a) This is seen especially in questions arising from great emotion or anxlety, e.g.,
1 Sam. 16:4; 2 Sam. 18:29; 2 Sam. 19:23; and also in questions which are connected by
1, and are in antithesis with a preceding declarative statement, e.g., Judg. 11:23;
Jon. 4:10,11; Job 10:8,9.

(b) In some cases Ț is dropped for euphonic reasons from before words beginning with x or ヿ, e. g., Gen. 18:12; 1 Sam. 22:15; 2 Sam. 19:23; 1 Kgs. 1:24.

(c) For cases of הָכִי is it . . . that? see Gen. 27:36; 29:15; 2 Sam. 9:1; 23:19.

(d) Here 🛪 also may be used, e. g., Judg. 14:15.

(e) is still further used after a preceding declarative statement in the sense of or.

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Gen. 3:135b.	Deut. 31:17
Gen. 4:6; 47:196d.	1 Sam. 11:12; 16:41
Gen. 18:21; 27:212d.	1 Sam. 30:152a.
Gen. 26:27; 40:76e.	2 Sam. 1:135c.
Gen. 27:214a.	2 Sam. 17:64a.
Gen. 30:2	2 Sam. 18:291
Gen. 30:306a.	2 Sam. 19:126d.
Gen. 47:86b.	1 Kgs. 20:322a.
Ex. 2:136d.	2 Kgs. 3:8
Ex. 33:163	2 Kgs. 3:13
Num. 20:102b.	2 Kgs. 6:15
Num. 23:263	Jer. 5:75c.
Deut. 7:176c.	Jer. 31:192b.
Deut. 13:42d.	Ezek. 18:232c.

Hos. 10:9; 11:51	Job 2:2	c.
Joel 1:2	Job 4:17; 6:5 2	c.
Amos 3: 3-64a.	Job 7:21; 25:45	b.
Jon. 1:65b.	Job 11:2	b.
Ps. 35:17; 78:406b.	Lam. 1:1,2; 4:1,26	c.
Ps. 42:36a.	Neh. 5:71	
Ps. 42:12		

# 43. EXCLAMATORY AND OPTATIVE SENTENCES.

- 1. a. המאלך 0 king ! ארץ 0 earth ! המאלך your perverseness ! ארץ you all.
  - b. גרני ארני <sup>5</sup> 0 my lord! רוי השאננים<sup>6</sup> 0 they who are at ease in Zion! אהה ליום<sup>7</sup> alas for the day!
- 2. a. ברוך אברם <sup>9</sup> peace be to you! ברוך אברם<sup>9</sup> blessed be Abram. b. אנו מיקות as I live! הויי הוה<sup>11</sup> as Yahweh liveth!
  - יעיניך הראות<sup>13</sup> by thine eyes which see ! את הרבר<sup>13</sup> by the word ! c. "הלילה לך מעיטת וגו" far be it from thee to do, etc.
  - d. כצרקי וכתמי עלי<sup>15</sup> according to my righteousness and my integrity, upon me ! [thee !.
- 3. a. איחיה לפניך<sup>16</sup> would that Ishmael might live before<sup>16</sup> לו ישמעאל יחיה לפניך<sup>16</sup> vould that Ishmael might live before<sup>17</sup> / ישמעני<sup>17</sup> O hear me! לו מרועני<sup>18</sup> O that we had died! [God!
  - b. אלוה רשע ייז if thou wouldest but kill the wicked, O
  - c. גישקני מים O that some one would give me water to drink. (י יהן מותנו ביר י' O that we had died by the hand of Y.

1. In exclamations there occurs

a. A noun, with or without the article; a,b or

b. A noun with an interjection, e. g., יב (with אדני), יד, or (with the dative).

2. Under the head of exclamatory utterance may be classified also

a. Clauses or sentences which have no mark of exclamation.

b. The use of  $\eta$  in oaths, and certain other rare expressions (see examples).

c. The common expression הְלִילָה to the profane, i. e., far be it.
d. Sentences which, for brevity and force, omit the verb to be.<sup>d</sup>

1 1 Sam. 23:20.	7 Joel 1:15.	12 Deut. 3:21.	17 Gen. 23:13.
2 Job 16:18.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 43:23.	13 Hag. 2:5.	18 Num. 14:2.
<sup>3</sup> Isa. 29:16.	9 Gen. 14:19.	14 Gen. 18:25.	19 Ps. 139:19.
4 Job 17:10.	10 Num. 14:28.	15 Ps. 7:9.	20 2 Sam. 23:15.
<sup>5</sup> Gen. 43:20.	11 1 Sam. 14:45.	16 Gen. 17:18.	21 Ex. 16:3.
6 Amos 6:1.			

3. In optative expressions there are found

a. The particle 1 *if, would that,* used with the Imperfect and Imperative, and, in wishes which cannot be realized, with the Perfect.

b. The particle DN if, cf. 17.

c. The interrogative ' with the Imperfect; and especially (" ' ' ' who would give = would that.<sup>e</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) The distinctive article (§ 4. 3. e. (2)) is generally employed in prose.

(b) Originally in exclamations the third person only was used; in the later writers the second begins to be employed.

(c) Here also belong words or expressions used in swearing, however introduced.

(d) It should not be forgotten that the Infinitive absolute is used in exclamatory style "(1) when the speaker is too full of his subject to mention the action in any other than an ejaculatory manner, and as briefly as possible, e.g., 2 Kgs. 4:43; Job 40:2: (2) in a kind of vehement and rapid description of a number of actions that excite astonishment or displeasure, e. g., Hos. 4:2; Isa. 21:5."\* (Cf. § 28. 5.)

(e) is followed (1) by a verb with or without Wāw Consecutive, (2) by an Infinitive, (3) by a noun.

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Gen. 18:25; 44:7,172c.	Jer. 22:24
Gen. 30:343a.	Amos 5:18
Gcn. 43:20; 44:181b.	Mic. 2:11b.
Num. 20:33a.	Ps. 4:7; 14:7; 55:73c.
Deut. 4:3; 11:7; 32:402b.	Ps. 45:2c; 57:62d.
Deut. 5:26; 28:673c.	Ps. 81:9; 139:193b.
Judg. 9:293c.	Ps. 81: 143a.
1 Sam. 30:232b.	Prov. 24:11
2 Sam. 15:43c.	Job 6:8; 11:5; 13:5; 14:13; 29:2; 31:353c.
Isa. 3:62d.	Job 6:14; 12:52d.
Isa. 63:19b3a.	

# 44. COPULATIVE SENTENCES.

- 1. a. "ויקרא ליב' ארץ ולמקוה המים וגו" and he called the dry land earth, but the collection of waters he called seas. [not eat. but of the tree of knowledge thou shalt
  - b. ארם לעמל יולד ובני רשף יגביהו עוף but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. **Fbullock**.
  - c. יקדו את פר השור...ופר השני take the bullock, even the second יהלא אני מחשה ומעולם f am I not silent, and that from of old ?
  - d. אי אתה ולא חשכת 'thou fearest God, and (= for) thou hast not withheld.

1 Gen. 1:10. 2 Gen. 2:17.

- b. "לא תכבה וגו" למ' ולא תכבה וגו' thou shalt not go out with us henceforth to battle, that thou quench not, etc.
- c. אם זכרתני...ועשית נאיחסר if thou rememberest me, then do kindness, etc.
- 3. אויך את המחנה והמחנה היה בטח<sup>4</sup> and he smote the camp, while the camp was quict.

and they came while Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. [Hezekiah.

- 4. a. יהו יותם אחז יותם <sup>6</sup> in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz,
  - b. האכלו דמו לא האכלו דמו לא האכלו flesh in its soul, viz., its blood ye shall not eat.

נקתה לארץ תישב<sup>8</sup> she shall be desolate, sit upon the earth.

- c. קראו עצרה אספו זקנים <sup>9</sup> sanctify a fast, call an assembly, gather the old men.
- d מון הרצין העם <sup>10</sup> and she heard the noise of the guard, the people.

1. The conjunction  $\gamma$  and is by far the most common copulative conjunction, and serves to join together not only words but sentences a,b. It is universally employed except in cases where special emphasis is to be placed upon the conjunctive relation ?<sup>c</sup> But besides its ordinary use as a connective it serves to join to a preceding clause or sentence

a. An antithetical clause (here rendered but), in which, however, the opposition is indicated not by the 1, but by the arrangement of the words, or by the logical relation of the clauses thus joined.<sup>d</sup>

b. A clause of *comparison* (here rendered as), peculiar to poetical style.

c. An *cpexcgctical* clause (here rendered *even*, *namely*, *and that too*), furnishing a more detailed explanation.

d. A clause of consequence or cause (here rendered for, since).e

2. Another class of usages in which ) may be called *demonstrative* includes the following:

a. Cases in which the  $\gamma$  follows a prepositional phrase and, in the sense of *then*, connects with it some act or state.

1 Gen. 40:9.	4 Judg. 8:11.	7 Gen. 9:4.	9 Joel 1:14.
2 2 Sam. 21:17.	5 Gen. 19:1.	<sup>8</sup> Isa. 3:26.	10 2 Kgs. 11:13.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 40:14.	6 Isa. 1:1.		

b. Cases in which the  $\gamma$ , with an Imperfect or Imperative, expresses *purpose* or *result* ( $\S$  26. 2*a*).

c. Cases in which the 1 joins an apodosis to a preceding protasis, not only in conditional but also in causal and relative sentences f

3. Still another usage of 1 is that occurring in circumstantial clauses (§ 45.), when it is translated *while*, *although*, *after*, etc.

Omission of 1 (asyndeton), where it might be expected, is found

 a. In lists, enumerations, etc.

b. In expressions added by way of explanation or correction.

c. In a climax, or in highly rhetorical statements.

d. In hurried, abrupt discourse, or where the rapidity of the action is to be emphasized.<sup>g</sup>

#### REMARKS.

(a) For examples in which 1 has the force of with, see Gen. 3:24; Judg. 6:5; 1 Sam. 18:6; 25:42; 29:10; Isa. 13:9.

(b) For cases of hendiadys, see Gen. 1:14; 3:16; 2 Chron. 16:14; Job 10:17.

(c) The conjunctions employed when the connection is to be emphasized are אָאָ Dl, e. g., 1 Sam. 25:43; 22:7; Exod. 10:25; Isa. 40:24; 41:26.

(d) The most common adversative conjunctions are (1) ל but (after a negative), e. g., Gen. 24:3; 45:8; 1 Kgs. 21:15; Exod. 1:19; Josh. 17:18; Ps. 44:8; (2) but if, but, e. g., Ps. 1:2; Gen. 15:4; Josh. 17:3; 1 Sam. 8:19. Cf. also אור שיר much more, how much less, e. g., 1 Sam. 14:29f.; 1 Kgs. 8:27.

(e) Here also belongs the use of 1 in exclamations, e. g., Joel 2:23; 2 Sam. 1:21; Jer. 20:12; and in oaths, e. g., Joel 4:20; Amos 9:5; Hos. 12:6; Jer. 29:23; Isa. 51:15; Deut. 32:31; Ps. 71:19 (so *Ewald*).

(f) For the use of Waw Consecutive with Imperfect and Perfect, see §§ 24, 25.

(g) In many stereotyped phrases also i is dropped, e. g., מדר דר (Exod. 17:16) for כמדר ודר.

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Gen. 11:304b.	Jer. 17:14
Gen. 13:92c.	Ezek. 10:124a.
Gen. 17:21; 42:101a.	Amos 4:54c.
Gen. 20:31d.	Amos 5:4,6,142b.
Gen. 29:152c.	Hab. 2:44b.
Judg. 5:13,274d.	Zeeh. 10:62b.
Judg. 6:25; 7:221c.	Mal. 1:11lc.
Judg. 16:151a.	Ps. 7:10; 60:131d.
1 Sam. 15:162b.	Ps. 45:54b.
1 Sam. 15:232c.	<b>Ps. 51:9</b> 2b.
1 Kgs. 13:18 4b.	Ps. 78:34
2 Kgs. 11:134d.	Ps. 88:24a,
Isa. 3:8 <b>1</b> d.	Prov. 25:31b.
Isa. 8:9,102b.	Job 12:11; 14:11,12,191b.
Isa. 23:44b.	Job 32:15,164c.
Jer. 2:20; 7:94b.	Ruth 1:211a.
Jer. 15:7; 31:214c.	Eccl. 1:51c.

a. והוא שפט את י׳ ארבעים שנה and he died, and he had judged (having judged) Israel forty years.
 יאל תאחרו אתי ויהוה הצליח דרכי do not delay me, since Y. hath prospered my journey.
 ילמה תקראנה ל׳ נעמי ו׳ ענה ב׳

having testified against me?

- b. אוירא אליו יי...והוא יושב פתח האהל and Y. appeared unto him....while he sat before the tent.
  השמימה גער השמימה a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven.
  שניתון תחת ההר וההר בער באש for and ye stood under the mountain, while the mount was burning with fire.
- c. ילא יעשה אבי...ולא יגלה את אוני my father will do nothing ....without disclosing it to me. הלאל ילמד דעת והוא רמים ישפוט<sup>s</sup> shall any teach God knowledge, seeing that he judges those that are high?
- d. איה רעה....והוא נער<sup>9</sup> he was tending the sheep....being a boy. בלבבם who speak peace, while evil is in their heart.

We frequently find a clause which furnishes material subordinate to that of the principal clause of a sentence; or which describes the condition or circumstances attending the action of the principal verb. Such clauses are termed circumstantial or descriptive and may be considered under the following heads:

1. Circumstantial clauses *following* the principal clause and joined by means of 3 (§ 44. 3),

a. With the verb in the *Perfect*, especially in sentences which have a pluperfect or perfect meaning, often rendered by the past participle.

b. With the verb a *Participle*, almost always in clauses which are of a strictly descriptive character.

c. With the verb in the *Imperfect*; less common than either the Perfect or Participle, and for the most part in negative sentences.<sup>a</sup>

d. With no verbal form of any kind.

1 1 Sam. 4:18.	4 Gen. 18:1.	71 Sam. 20:2.	9 Gen. 37:2.
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 24:56.	5 Gen. 28:12.	<sup>8</sup> Job 21:22.	10 Ps. 28:3.
3 Ruth 1:21.	6 Deut. 4:11.		

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- 2. a. יויחפש בגרול החל and he searched beginning with the eldest. ויחפש בגרול החל יכרי ימצא חלל...לא נורע מי הכהו it not being known who hath smitten him.
  - b. מאחרי בנשף יין ירליקם who tarry late at night while wine inflames them.

ירוממני he will hide me...lifting me upon a rock.

- c. יצאו נצבים <sup>5</sup> they went forth, taking their position (cf. Ex. 33:8). סיבעים מ׳ בהנות...מקצצים היו מלקטים<sup>6</sup> seventy kings, having their thumbs and great toes cut off, gathered, etc.
- d. אל מים והעי מקרם and he pitched his tent, Bethel being on the west and Ai on the east. [his loins. אראיתי כל גבר יריו על חלציו I saw every man his hands upon
- e. אין מלחמה<sup>9</sup> and they remained three years (in the condition of) absence of war, i. e., without war.

עראו פני בלתי אחיכם אתכם <sup>10</sup> ye shall not see my face (in the condition of) the absence of your brother, i. e., except your brother be with you.

ערנו חי בלב אב' עורנו חי<sup>11</sup> and he thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive.

יי....נעשו..... יצא יצא יו יועשו..... having only just gone out, that Esau, his brother, came in.

gone down, that there was darkness.

יקצף ....יקצף and it shall be, seeing ye rebel to-day...., that to-morrow he will be wroth, etc.

- - b. הוא שלחה והיא שלחה <sup>16</sup> she was being brought forth, when she sent, etc.

"והמה הכירו וגו" being by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 44:12.

2 Deut. 21:1.

<sup>3</sup> Isa. 5:11.

4 Ps. 27:5.

<sup>5</sup> Num. 16:27.

<sup>6</sup> Judg. 1:7.
<sup>7</sup> Gen. 12:8.
<sup>8</sup> Jer. 30:6.
<sup>9</sup> 1 Kgs. 22:1.

<sup>10</sup> Gen. 43:3. <sup>11</sup> 2 Sam. 18:14. <sup>12</sup> Gen. 27:30. <sup>13</sup> Gen. 15:17. 14 Josh. 22:18.
15 Gen. 42:35.
16 Gen. 38:25.
17 Judg. 18:3.

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2. Circumstantial clauses *following* the principal clause, and not joined by **)**,

a. With the verb in the *Perfect* (cf. 1. a above).

b. With the verb in the Imperfect (cf. 1. b above).

c. With the verb a *Participle*, to be taken as an accusative of state or condition.<sup>b</sup>

d. With no verbal form, the clause being strictly nominal.

e. In expressions introduced by גלא, בלתי, בלי, אין etc.º

3. Circumstantial clauses *preceding* the principal clause; here arise two cases :

a. Those in which the circumstantial elause, preceding the principal elause, is introduced and supported by the formula (r, r) or (r, r) (cf. 22 24. 4; 25. 4).

b. Those in which there is no such introductory formula, the two clauses appearing to be coördinate.<sup>d</sup>

### REMARKS.

(a) Since  $\forall \lambda$  may not be used with a Participle, when this negative is to be employed, the finite form must be substituted.

(b) That this is really an accusative appears from the corresponding construction in Arabie.

(c) In common use these negatives have become equivalent to prepositions.

(d) In circumstantial clauses the subject generally stands first whether the predicate is a finite verbal form, a Participle, or a noun; exceptions occur (1) when  $\pi \pi$  or some such emphatic word comes first, which regularly precedes the verb, e. g., Gen. 8:13; 9:7; 1 Sam. 25:14; (2) in the case of  $\chi^2$ , Ps. 44:18; (3) even in sentences without a verb, e. g., Ps. 60:3; Gen. 49:10; Isa. 6:6; Amos 7:7.

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Gen. 7:63b.	Judg. 3:20	1b.
Gen. 13:7; 18:10; 19:1; 24:211b.	Judg. 3:24; 20:39,40	3b.
Gen. 19:23; 44:3,43b.	Judg. 3:26; 4:21; 16:31	1a.
Gen. 20:3; 21:4; 24:10; 44:261d.	Judg. 5:19; 6:19; 20:31	2a.
Gen. 21:142a.	Judg. 6:5	2e.
Gen. 29:93b.	Judg. 8:4	2c.
Gen. 32:12; 32:312d.	Judg. 8:11	1a.
Ex. 10:13	Judg. 13:9	1b.
Ex. 21:11	Judg. 19:11	3b.
Ex. 33:121a.	1 Sam. 9: 14; 20:36	3b.
Deut. 5:5	1 Sam. 18:17	1a.
Deut. 9:15a1b.	2 Sam. 20:8	3b.
Deut. 9:15b1d.	2 Sam. 23:4	2e.
Josh. 2:5; 4:18	1 Kgs. 18:12	
Josh. 17:141d.	2 Kgs. 2:23	3b.

2 Kgs. 5:18	Hab. 2:152d.
2 Kgs. 12:7b3a.	Hag. 1:42d.
Isa. 1:5; 27:9; 60:112b.	Mal. 1:7
Isa. 27:16; 60:92d.	Ps. 7:3
Isa. 29:132a.	Ps. 7:3; 78:4
Isa.47:12e.	Ps. 7:7; 57:4; 71:32a.
Isa. 49:21; 53:41a.	Ps. 35:8; 21:12; 62:5; 107:52b
Isa. 57:192c.	Ps. 69:42c.
Jer. 2:27; 23:17; 41:6; 43:22c.	Ps. 78:30,313b.
<b>Jer.</b> 37:133 <i>a</i> .	Job 3:18; 9:252a.
Hos. 7:11	Job 22:181a.
Joel1:6	Job 24:22; 42:3lc.
Mic. 7:1	Job 29:24; 34:312b.
Nah. 1:122b.	Ezra 10:62a.

## 46. RELATIVE SENTENCES.

1.	а.	רוי	הוא	אשר	רמש	יכל	every creeping	thing which	h is living.
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- b. "הנכיא אשר שלחו להנכיא אשר שלחו להו י he prophet whom Y. hath sent.
- c. גוי אשר לא תשמע לשנו<sup>3</sup> a nation whose language thou dost not understand. [come.

יהוה אשר באת תחת כנפיו Y. under whose wings thou hast

- d. אשר שכותי שכי שם ישר אשר עכותי שכי שם אשר נשבו שם <sup>6</sup> whither they were carried away. האשר יצאו משם פלשתים לשתים יצאו משם פלשתים.
- 2. a. אר מתחת לרקיע אשר מתחת לרקיע אמר מתחת לרקיע אמר מרחת לרקיע אתי<sup>8</sup> the waters which (wcre) under the, etc. יהאנשים אשר הלכו אתי<sup>9</sup> the men who went with me. יחסרך אשר ראית את עניי he mercy of thee who hast looked on my affliction.
  - b. דהארם אשר יצר the man whom he had formed.
  - c. אשר בא 1<sup>2</sup> till the day that he come. אשר דבר <sup>13</sup> in the place that he spoke. אשר שם האחת שפרה <sup>14</sup> the Hebrew women of whom the name of one was Shiphra.
- a. אשר על הבית ואשר על העיר...אל יהוא 1<sup>5</sup> and sent he who was over the house, and he who was over the city to Jchu.
   b. אשר אמר אמר וויש יויט 1<sup>6</sup> anoint him whom I shall name.

1 Gen. 9:3.	5 Jer. 7:12.	9 Gen. 14:24.	13 Gen. 35:13.
<sup>2</sup> Jer. 28:9.	61 Kgs. 8:47.	10 Ps. 31:8.	14 Ex. 1:15.
<sup>3</sup> Deut. 28:49.	7 Gen. 10:4.	' 11 Gen. 2:8.	15 2 Kgs. 10:5.
4 Ruth 2:12.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 1:7.	12 2 Sam. 19:25.	16 1 Sam. 16:3.

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# c. וויאמר לאשר על ביתו and he said to him who was over his house. חייה אשר תמצא לא יחיה he shall not live.

A relative clause may best be understood as the expansion of an adjective or participle. It is generally introduced by (& 13.), sometimes by  $(\& 13. 4. a)^{a,b}$ ; yet in many cases no introductory particle is employed (see below). The principal usages of relative clauses may be classified as follows:

1. Relative sentences introduced by  $\neg \psi \dot{\gamma}$ , in which, since  $\neg \psi \dot{\gamma}$  is only a *particle* and not a *pronoun*, a special pronoun, pronominal suffix, or adverb, is employed to express the desired idea. The pronoun or pronominal suffix agrees with its antecedent in gender and number,<sup>c</sup> and takes that particular case which the relative particle would have, if a noun.<sup>d</sup> It may, therefore, be,

- a. The subject of the sentence.
- b. The direct object of the verb, i. e., an accusative.

c. The genitive after a construct, or after a preposition.

d. An adverb, viz.,  $\Box \psi$ , used in the sense of where, whither, whence.

2. Relative sentences introduced by **\"\"** in which, for the sake of brevity, the special pronoun, pronominal suffix, or adverb referred to above, has been omitted. This is seen in sentences in which

a. The relative particle has the force of *subject*, and especially, where the predicate is a finite verb including the pronominal idea.

b. The relative particle has the force of an accusative.

c. The relative particle as an *adverbial accusative* follows a substantive having some general signification of time, place, manner.

3. Relative sentences in which the relative particle includes its antecedent and is equivalent to *he who*, *those who*, etc. The particle, therefore, has here two constructions. Aside from its connection with the relative clause which it introduces, it has a relation to the principal sentence on which this relative clause depends;<sup>e</sup> thus it may be

a. The subject of this principal sentence.

b. The object often with a prefixed  $\pi s.f$ 

c. The genitive after a preposition.gh

4. a. גוי איתן הוא <sup>3</sup> a nation that is lasting. בארץ לא להם<sup>4</sup> in a land which is not theirs.

b. דרך לא ירעו 5 a way they know not.

Gen. 43:16.	<sup>3</sup> Jer. 5:15.	4 Gen. 15:13.	5 Isa. 42:16,
2 Gen. 31:32.			

יבחר יבחר וורנו בדרך יבחר he teaches him in a way he should choose.

c. איש היה בארין עוץ איוב שכו <sup>2</sup> a man lived in the land of Uz, whose name was Job.

הררך ילכו בה<sup>3</sup> the way in which they must go.

d. יתרת עשה the gain that he made. [ure.

ארירי כל חפצי בם<sup>5</sup> the excellent ones in whom is my whole pleas-

e. אירא וום אירא the day I fear; דעת נשברת the time thou wast broken.

5. a. מקום לא ידע אל the place (of him) who knows not God.

ישלח נא ביר תשלח send now by the hand (of him whom) thou wilt send.

לוא שאלו I was inquired of by (those who) did not ינררשתי ללוא שאלו I what is beyond that which I see, teach thou me.

4. Relative sentences without an introductory particle, especially when the antecedent is *indefinite*; this is found

a. When the relative, or the word to which the relative force is given, is a *subject*.

b. When the relative is the *object* of a verb.

c. When the relative is a genitive.

d. When the relative clause follows a noun in the *construct*; this is rare and poetical.

e. When the relative follows a noun, in the construct, which has some general signification of time, place, manner.

5. Relative sentences in which the relative particle, though including its antecedent and equivalent to *he who* (see 3 above), is omitted; this is, for the most part, poetical, though found rarely in late prose writers. The predicate generally stands first in the relative clause, and is thus brought into antithesis with the preceding sentence.

#### REMARKS.

(a) The pronouns מה (what sometimes also have a relative force, e. g., Gen. 19:12; 1 Sam. 20:4; Isa. 50:8.

(b) On the use of the article in a relative sense with a Participle and, rarely, with a finite verb, see \$ 4. 3. f.

(c) For agreement also in person, where the antecedent is a pronoun, see Gen. 45:4; Num. 22:30; Isa. 41:8.

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 25:12.	4 Jer. 48:36.	7 Ezek. 27:34.	10 Isa. 65:1.
<sup>2</sup> Job 1:1.	<sup>5</sup> Ps. 16:3.	<sup>8</sup> Job 18:21.	11 Job 34:32.
<sup>3</sup> Ex. 18:20.	6 Ps. 56:4.	9 Ex. 4:13.	

(d) This pronominal suffix is regularly separated from the relative by one or more words.

(e) Note the double construction seen, for example, in Gen. 38:10; 43:16; 49:1.

(f) Distinguish from this the use of את אשר, in the sense of the fact that, how, etc., to subordinate as object an entire clause.

(g) Cf. the combinations על אשר, כאשר, כאשר, כאשר, etc.

(h) Cf. the usage (late and rare) which allows אשר to be followed by a noun in the accusative, Jer. 14:1; 46:1; Ezek. 12:25; Amos 5:1.

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Gen. 3:3; 4:11; 7:2; 14:202a.	Isa. 8:122c.
Gen. 5:291b.	Isa. 29:14e.
Gen. 7:233a.	Isa. 31:6
Gen. 9:31a.	Isa. 37:41b.
Gen. 13:31d.	Isa. 43:214d.
Gen. 19:29; 38:25lc.	Isa. 55:2
Gen. 21:3,9; 26:322b.	Jer. 2:8,115
Gen. 39:20; 40:132c.	Jer. 15:43c.
Gen. 41:253b.	Jer. 44:31b.
Gen. 44:93c	Hab. 1:64a.
Ex. 4:134d.	Ps. 4:8; 88:2; 90:154e.
Ex. 4:171c.	Ps. 7:5; 27:74b.
Ex. 4:21,28	Ps. 12:6; 32:2; 72:124c.
Ex. 12:131d.	Ps. 16:31a.
Lev. 4:24,332c.	Ps. 49:13
Lev. 18:114a.	Ps. 58:5; 65:5; 81:64d.
Num. 17:201c.	Prov. 6:164b.
Deut. 1:22lc.	Prov. 8:32
Deut. 4:102c.	Job 6:174e.
Deut. 9:28; 11:10; 30:31d.	Job 19:165
Deut. 32:374c.	Job 38:19,244b.
1 Sam. 15:163b.	Lam. 1:145
1 Kgs. 11:144a.	Neh. 8:105
1 Kgs. 11:272c.	

# 47. SUBJECT, OBJECT AND ADVERBIAL CLAUSES.

- 1. a. יטוב אשר לא תרר<sup>1</sup> it is better that thou shouldst not vow. it is good that thou be to us, etc.
  - b. מי הגיר לך כי עירם אתה מי הגיר לך כי עירם אתה who told thee that thou wast naked? אויאמר כי ישובון and he said that they should return.
  - c. ראור כי טוב זאי את האור כי טוב מון<sup>5</sup> and God saw that the light was good.
  - d. מרים אמרים אעשה bot what do ye think I should do?
- 2. a. את נפשו למות he asked that his soul should die. [through. s but Sihon trusted not Israel to pass

 I Eccl. 5:4.
 3 Gen. 3:11.
 5 Gen. 1:4.
 7 1 Kgs. 19:4.

 22 Sam. 18:3.
 4 Job 36:10.
 6 2 Sam. 21:4.
 8 Judg. 11:20.

b. אינם יודעים לעשות רע they do not know that they do evil.

c. ירא...מעשות יומם $^2$  since he feared to do it by day. זכי ירא לשבת בצוער  $^3$  for he feared to dwell in Zoar.

1. Dependent sentences are found,

a. With the force of a *subject*, introduced by אישר or יס.

b. With the force of an object, introduced by  $\Sigma$ .

c. With the logical subject, attracted by the verb of the principal sentence and treated as its object.

d. With no introductory particle, the verb being directly attached to what precedes.

2. A more condensed method of expressing subject and object sentences is seen

a. In the use of an accusative with an Infinitive (cf. the Latin), after verbs of wishing, allowing, commanding, etc.

b. In the same usage, more particularly in later writers, after verbs of hearing, seeing, knowing, etc.

c. In the use of  $\dot{\gamma}$  and rarely  $\dot{\gamma}$  with the Infinitive after verbs of *fearing*.

3. a. אנכי שאל מאתך לאמר לא תראה את פני I ask of thee, saying, "Thou shalt not see my face."

עלינו כי מלך תשים עלינו זותאמרו לו כי מלך השים עלינו ידhou shalt set a king over us."

יי בקול אשר שמעתי בקול <sup>6</sup> and Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of Y."

b. שמעתי עליך לאמר תשמע חלום I have heard concerning thee, Thou hearest a dream, etc.

המה let the nations know they are men.

c. "אמר אל גד לאמר לדויד כי יעלה דויד וגו he commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up, etc.

<sup>10</sup> יראה זרע משם נפשו יראה זרע מים אשם נפשו יראה זרע מווייייים אווייייים אראה זרע מווייייים וגריי ימים וגריי מון אריך ימים וגריי and Yahweh was pleased to bruise him, he put him to grief, (with the understanding that) if he himself should make an offering of guilt, he would see seed, he would prolong days, etc.

d. איקרא....לרין עמו he cries....that he will judge his people.

<sup>1</sup> Eccl. 4:17.	4 2 Sam. 3:13.	7 Gen. 41:15.	10 Isa. 53:10,11.
<sup>2</sup> Judg. 6:27.	5 1 Sam. 10:19.	<sup>8</sup> Ps. 9:21.	11 Ps. 50:4.
<sup>3</sup> Gen. 19:30.	6 1 Sam. 15:20.	9 1 Chron. 21:18.	

יויקו לעשות ענבים and he expected that it would produce grapes. מון מון יאמרו כל הקהל לעשות כן and the whole congregation said they would do so.

3. Under object sentences belongs also what is called direct and indirect discourse. In reference to this it may be noted that

a. Direct discourse is introduced by כִי, לָאָמָרָ, or אָשָׁר, which are then equivalent to quotation marks; this is the earlier form and is much more common than the indirect, which, in most cases, would have been employed in English.

b. The gradual introduction of indirect discourse is seen in cases (like those cited above), in which it is only *partly* indirect.

c. That while in the older literature direct discourse prevails, in later writings it becomes customary to employ the Imperfect, with or without 2; and that in extended discourse of this kind the voluntative Imperfect is largely used.\*

d. That more frequently, however, there is found especially in later writers the construction of the Infinitive with 2 (cf. the Latin).

4. α. אשר לא תוכל להרפא<sup>3</sup> so that thou caust not be healed.

יתוכרנו what is man that thou rememberest him.

- b. (1) אישר ידעון<sup>5</sup> in order that they know. [it holy.
  - (2) יוכור את יום הש׳ לקדשו (2<sup>6</sup> remember the Sabbath day to keep
  - (3) ילמען יאמינו in order that they may believe.
  - (4) בעבור תהיה לי לערה<sup>8</sup> that they may be to me for a testimony.
  - (5) ילעלות לעם יגורנו <sup>9</sup> when it comes up against the people to invade them.
- c. (1) אשר לא ישמעו <sup>10</sup> in order that they may not understand.
  - (2) אל ימשלו בי<sup>11</sup> that they may not rule over me.
  - (3) ילבלתי נהן זרע לאחיו<sup>12</sup> so as not to give seed to his brother.
  - (4) ממלך ממלך and he hath rejected thee that thou mayest not be king.

(5) אועתה פן ישלח ידו (14 and now, lest he put forth his hand.

5. a. הארמה את הארמה<sup>15</sup> when thou tillest the ground, etc.

 1 Isa. 5:2.
 5 Josh. 3:7.

 21 Chron. 13:4.
 6 Ex. 20:8.

 3 Deut. 28:27.
 7 Ex. 4:5.

 4 Ps. 8:5.
 8 Gen. 21:30.

 \* Ewald, Hebrew Syntax, p. 232.

9 Hab. 3:16.
10 Gen. 11:7.
11 Ps. 19:14.
12 Gen. 38:9.

13 1 Sam. 15:23. 14 Gen. 3:22. 15 Gen. 4:12. יכי החרשתי בלן עצמי when I kept silent, my bones wasted.

- b. ויהי כאשר קרב<sup>2</sup> and as soon as he came nigh.
- c. וויהי במלכו כשבתו and it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat upon, etc. lover.
- d. וילינו שם טרם יעברו and they lodged there before they passed
- e. שבי אלמנה ער יגרל remain a widow until he be grown. ער אשר עברנו את נחל until we passed over the brook.
- f. אחר האבנים מלזי מfter he hath taken out the stones. הקצות את הכית after he hath scraped the house.
- g. מאז באתי אל פרעה since I came unto Pharaoh. עבדך אל עברך since thou didst speak unto thy servant.
- h. ויהי מרי צאתם<sup>10</sup> and as often as they went out. ארבר ארבר as often as I speak.

4. The more common methods of expressing consequence and purpose are the following:

a. Clauses indicating result or consequence, with Imperfect introduced by the particles TWN or 'D.

- b. Clauses indicating purpose or intention,
  - (1) with an Imperfect following つびか;
  - (2) with an Infinitive following 5;
  - (3) with an Imperfect following למען;
  - (4) with an Imperfect following ; בעבור
  - (5) with an Imperfect not accompanied by an introductory particle.
- c. Clause of negative purpose,
  - (1) with an Imperfect following אשר לא ;
  - (2) with an Imperfect following אל (or בל יס);
  - (3) with an Infinitive following ;
  - (4) with an Infinitive or noun governed by (1);
  - (5) with an Imperfect following [D.
- 5. The more common methods of expressing *time* are as follows :
  - a. Clauses with Perfect or Imperfect following ' when, quum.
  - b. Clauses with Perfect or Imperfect following as soon as,

when.

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 32:3.	4 Josh. 3:1.	7 Lev. 14:43.	10 1 Sam. 18:30.
<sup>2</sup> Ex. 32:19.	<sup>5</sup> Gen. 38:11.	8 Ex. 5:23.	11 Jer. 20:8.
3 1 Kgs. 16:11.	6 Deut. 2:14.	9 Ex. 4:10.	

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c. Clauses with Infinitive following  $\supseteq$  or  $\supset$ , the former = while, when; the latter, as soon as, when.

d. Clauses with Imperfect, rarely Perfect, following בטרם or בטרם before.

e. Clauses with Perfect or Imperfect following ער אשר, ער until (cf. also ער כי , ער אם).

f. Clauses with finite verb, or Infinitive, following אדור , אדור after (cf. כן אחרי כן).

g. Clauses with finite verb or Infinitive after in since.

h. Clauses with finite verb or Infinitive after " as often as.

Gen.6:21c.	Isa. 28:195h.
Gen. 12:133b.	Isa. 38:15,163c.
Gen. 18:33; 27:405b.	Isa. 43:25a.
Gen. 24:155d.	Jer. 1:55d.
Gen. 24:415a.	Jer. 13:21; 15:152b.
Gen. 46:32c.	Jer. 18:7; 34:8,93d.
Ex. 2:2lc.	Jer. 36:92a.
Ex. 9:144b.	Jer. 44:185g.
Ex. 12:34	Ezek. 40:1
Ex. 13: 174c.	Hos. 5:15; 10:12
Lev. 9:61d.	Hos. 7:12
Lev. 14:43	Amos 7:4
Num. 20:21	Jonah 4:82a.
Deut. 4:40; 29:54b.	Zech. 8:201a.
Deut. 24:45f.	Ps. 8:45a.
Deut. 28:35,574a.	Ps. 9:154b.
Judg. 2:18	Ps. 55:7-93c.
Judg. 4:24	Ps. 76:8
1 Sam. 8:6	Ps. 104:27
2 Sam. 1:4	Ps. 119:583a.
2 Sam. 21:4	Job 6:11; 7:12; 15:144a.
1 Kgs. 5:17; 11:281c.	Job 16:4,5; 31:1-43c.
1 Kgs. 14:285h.	Job 16:8; 30:284b.
1 Kgs. 15:13:4c.	Lam. 1:101d.
2 Kgs. 2:9	Dan. 1:3-53d.
2 Kgs. 9:374a.	1 Chron. 15:16; 17:25; 21:18; 22:23d.
Isa, 22:14	

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# 48. CONDITIONAL SENTENCES.

1. a. רבש מצאת אכל ריך<sup>1</sup> if thou hast found honey, eat (only) enough for thee.

מועזב את אביו ומת and if he leaves his father, he will die.

1 Prov. 25:16.

2 Gen. 44:22.

b. אמצא חמשים צריקים if I find fifty righteous.

c. לו הכמו ישכילו if they had been wise they would understand.

- d. "ינו דותיר וגו" except Y. of hosts had left to us.
- e. בי האמר בלבבך if thou shalt say in thy heart.
- f. לא ישוב כי אם הרוה it does not return unless it has watered.
- 2. a. ... אם לא. אם לא.
   b. מעני בני תכזית אם לא.
   b. a. my two sons thou shalt kill if 1 do not, etc.

ילא דבר י' בי יי בי יי השוב....לא דבר י' בי

- b. אם חטאתי ושמרתני if I sin thou watchest me.
- c. אימינה אימינה f thou goest to the left, then I will go to the right.
- d. יבי עתה שלחתני for then thou hadst sent me away.

1. The protasis of a conditional sentence may be introduced

a. Without an introductory conditional particle of any kind, in which case the conditional idea is indicated by the logical relation of the clause to that with which it may be connected (see below).

b. By the particle אָם לֹ (negative, אָם לֹא *if not, unless*), less often הָנָה *if*, used with the Perfect, Imperfect, Participle,<sup>c</sup> or Infinitive<sup>d</sup> (with suffix).

c. By the particle 1 *if*, implying that the statement made is one which is not true or cannot be fulfilled; it is used with the Perfect, Imperfect, Participle, and in elliptical expressions with the Imperative.

d. By the particle  $\forall i \notin i \notin i \notin i \notin i$ , *implying that* the condition has a real existence, used with the Perfect, Imperfect, or Participle.

e. By the particle `, properly so let it be assumed, suppose that, if ;e,f

f. By the particle *i*, *i*, *unless*, *g* always after a negative.
2. The *apodosis* of a conditional sentence may be introduced,

a. Without any introductory particle.

b. By Wāw Consecutive, the verb standing in the tense demanded by the context.

c. By Wāw Conjunctive, a rare usage.

d. By כי עתה , or אבי או for now, in that case.

1 Gen. 18:26.	4 Deut. 7:17.	71 Kgs. 22:28.	9 Gen. 13:9.
2 Deut. 32:29.	<sup>5</sup> Isa. 55:10.	8 Job 10:14,	10 Gen. 31:42.
<sup>3</sup> Isa. 1:9.	6 Gen. 42:37.		

3. אריאנו my two sons thou shalt kill if I do (shall) not bring him back.

"אם יהיה לבן חיל לא יפל וגר '' if he shall become a worthy man, there shall not fall, etc.

- a. "ונשאתי וגוי אם אמצא....ונשאתי צריקים אריקים.... if I shall find fifty righteous....then I shall pardon.
- b. אואם לא (תתן) לקחתי בחזקה and if thou wilt not give, I will take it by force.
- 4. ימנה זרעך ימנה יוכל איש למנות...זרעך ימנה if a man should be able to number...thy seed might be numbered.
  השמים...יבאו שררים לה though Babylon should mount to heaven....spoilers would come to her.
- 5. אם בא לראות שוא ידבר 'if he (at any time) hath come to visit me, he will speak falsehood.

נקם אם שנותי ברק הרבי...אשיב נקם sif at any time I have whet my glittering sword.....I will requite rengeance.

- a. יאס לא הביאתיו...וחטאתי if I have not brought him back, then I shall be guilty.
- b. גישבה בו י' נשבה בו grass will wither if the breath of Y. hath blown upon it.
- הייא אביה...לא יקום if her father shall have disallowed her....her vows....shall not stand.
  - a. אם נטמאה והמעל<sup>12</sup> if she shall have defiled herself, and been faithless, then they shall come.

forgotten the name of our God .... would not God find this out?

<sup>1</sup>Gen. 42:37. <sup>2</sup>1 Kgs. 1:52. <sup>3</sup>Gen. 18:26. <sup>4</sup>1 Sam. 2:16. <sup>5</sup> Gen. 13:16.
<sup>6</sup> Jer. 51:53.
<sup>7</sup> Ps. 41:7.
<sup>8</sup> Deut. 32:41.

9 Gen. 43:9.
10 Isa. 40:7.
11 Num. 30:6.
12 Num. 5:27.

<sup>13</sup> Judg. 8:19.
 <sup>14</sup> Isa. 1:9.
 <sup>15</sup> Deut. 32:29.
 <sup>16</sup> Ps. 44:21,22.

As regards the usage of tense in conditional sentences the principles given in 22 16.-24. hold good. It is only necessary, therefore, to elassify the more important forms.

3. In the *first* form, the protasis presents distinctly a future case (as, *if* I(shall) *find him*), and the apodosis denotes what *will* be the result (as, *I will inform him*). The *Imperfect* is employed in both.<sup>*i*,*j*,*k*</sup> But in the apodosis there is found also

a. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive instead of the Imperfect (§ 25. 1. b).

b. The Perfect of *certainty* which is equivalent to an Imperfect (§ 19. 1).

4. In the second form, the protasis presents a future case, but less distinctly (as, if I should find him); the apodosis denotes what would (or might) be the result. The Imperfect is employed in both l,m,n

5. In the *third* form, the protasis presents a future case, but one of an entirely uncertain and indefinite character, and regarded from the stand-point of the past (as, *if I shall have at any time found him*); the apodosis denotes what *will be* the result in ease this contingency is realized. Here the Perfect is found in the protasis<sup>o</sup> and the Imperfect in the apodosis; but in the apodosis there is also found

a. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive instead of the Imperfect (§ 25. 1. b.).

b. The Perfect in the sense of the Future Perfect (§ 19. 3).

6. In the *fourth* form the protasis presents a case either strictly past, or past as viewed from a definite moment fixed in the context (as, if I have in the past, or shall have at a particular time, found him) the apodosis denotes what will be the result immediately or at the particular moment referred to. The Perfect<sup>p</sup> (either present perfect,  $\gtrless$  17. 2, or perfect of the immediate past,  $\gtrless$  18. 1, or future perfect,  $\gtrless$  19. 3) is used in the protasis, the Imperfect in the apodosis; but in the apodosis there is also found

a. The Perfect with Wāw Consecutive instead of the Imperfect (§ 25. 1. b.).

7. In the *fifth* form, the protasis presents a case which is supposed not to have been fulfilled (as, *if I had found him*); the apodosis denotes what would have been the result if the supposed case had been realized (as, *I should have informed him*). The Perfect is used in both members.<sup>*a,r,s,t*</sup> But in the apodosis there is found

a. The Imperfect instead of the Perfect, when reference is made to the present (as, I should now inform him).

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- 8. a. ועזב את אביו וכת<sup>1</sup> and (if) he leave his father, he will die. ם וועזב את כל העם וקם and (if) all the people saw, they stood up.
  - b. והביאה לי ואכלה<sup>3</sup> and (if thou) bring it to me [and] I will eat. ביאה לי ואכלו טוב (if ye) hearken to me [and] (ye will) eat good.

נקבה שכרך עלי ואתנה (if thou wilt) specify to me thy hire [and] I will give it.

ואריש אייש<sup>6</sup> and (if) I looked, there was no man.

c. הגך האריה והכך האריה behold, thou goest from me and a lion shall slay thee. [avenged, etc.]

כל הרג קין שבעתים יקם should any one kill Cain, he shall be

more also), if I do not do according to what ye have spoken = I will surely do it.

- b. אין מחני ואם אין מחני וועתה אם תשאתם ואם אין מחני <sup>11</sup> and now if thou wilt forgive their sin [it is well], but if not, blot me out.
- c. יולא אישלחך כי אם ברכתני<sup>12</sup> I will not let thee go....yes, if thou bless me, (then I will let thee go).
- d. אירדן הירדן ונישב בעבר הירדן<sup>13</sup> oh that we had been content and had remained beyond the Jordan.

8. Certain classes of sentences, conditional in force, though not in form, may be grouped as follows:

a. Sentences containing two members, each of which has as its verb a Perfect with Wāw Consecutive (as, and I used to find him, and inform him, or and I find him, and I inform him = and if I found him I should inform him, or and if I find him, I inform him). This Perfect is a frequentative ( $\S$  25. 1. a). The usage occurs in the sphere of past, present or future time.

b. Sentences containing two members, both of which have Imperatives; or one, an Imperative, the other a Jussive or Cohortative; or both, Jussives (as, find him and inform him = if you find him, you shall

1 Gen. 44:22.	⁵ Gen. 30:28.	<sup>8</sup> Gen. 4:15.	11 Ex. 32:32.
<sup>2</sup> Ex. 33:10.	6 Isa. 41:28.	9 Gen. 14:23.	12 Gen. 32:27.
3 Gen. 27:4,	71 Kgs. 20:36.	10 Num. 14:28.	13 Josh. 7:7.
4 Tsa 55+2			

inform him, or find him and I will inform him, or let me find him and I will inform him).<sup>u</sup>

c. Sentences with a participle (often preceded by  $\neg \downarrow \neg \downarrow$ ) in the protasis, an Imperfect, or Perfect with Wāw Consecutive in the apodosis.

9. In certain usages, one or the other member of the conditional is regularly omitted. This is seen in

a. In the expression of the oath, the apodosis, viz., I lift my hand to God that he may punish me, or God do so to me and more also, having been dropped. Here  $\Box N = assuredly$  not;  $\nabla \Box N = assuredly$ .

b. In the case of the first apodosis of two consecutive conditional sentences, this apodosis being easily supplied from the context.

c. In the case of the elliptical conjunction  $\Box X \stackrel{\bullet}{\supset} = yes$ , *if*, the real apodosis having strictly to be supplied.<sup>v</sup>

d. In the expression of a wish which is not, or cannot be, realized.

#### **REMARKS.**

(a) For DN in the sense of although, 1 Sam. 15:17; Jer. 5:2; 14:7.

(b) See Ex. 4:1; 8:22 and compare הנה, \$ 48. 8. c.

(c) See Judg. 9:15; 11:9; 1 Sam. 6:3.

(d) Cf. אם אמרי (Job 9:27) *if my saying = if I say.* 

(e) Cf. sentences introduced by "D when, § 47. 5. a.

(f) Cf. the distinction between  $\aleph$  and  $\circlearrowright$  in Ex. 21:2-5, where  $\circlearrowright$  is used before a general ordinance,  $\aleph$ , before the particular details.

(g) To be distinguished from this are other usages of ג', viz., (1)*that if, because if, for if*, e. g., 1 Kgs. 20.6; Deut. 11:22, and (2) *but*, the אמם having lost its force, Ps. 1:1; Josh. 17:3.

(h) Here belong cases in which the protasis has been omitted, e. g., Ex. 9:15; 1 Sam. 13:13; 2 Kgs. 13:19.

(i) The voluntative Imperfect or Imperative may be substituted for the ordinary Imperfect, e. g., 1 Sam. 20:21; 21:10; 2 Kgs. 2:10.

(j) The Participle (according to \$ 20. 2. (h)) may also be substituted for the Imperfect, e. g., Gen. 4.7; Lev. 21:9.

(k) For cases in which the Imperfect in apodosis refers to the past in the frequentative sense, see Gen. 31:8; Ex. 40:37.

(l) While the Greek uses in the first form the subjunctive, in the second the optative, and thus distinguishes them, the distinction in Hebrew can be seen only from the context.

(m) When both members are parallel in thought, the particle is translated if; when contrasted, it may be rendered by *though*.

(n) Here, too, the Participle may be substituted for the Imperfect.

(0) Notice that this Perfect is continued by a Perfect with Wāw Consecutive, not by an Imperfect with Wāw Consecutive, e. g., Gen. 43:9; Job 11:13,14.

(p) Notice that this Perfect is continued by an Imperfect with Wäw Consecutive, e. g., Judg. 9:16-19.

(q) By the omission of the apodosis there arises a common expression for a wish that has not been realized, e. g., Josh.7:7; Isa. 48:18,19; 63:19.

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(r) By the omission of the protasis and the use of מי עָתה arise such eases as 1 Sam. 13:13; Ex. 9:15, etc.

(8) Here the Greek likewise employs past tenses in both protasis and apodosis.

(t) Examine 2 Sam. 18:12; Ps. 81:14–17 and note the use of the Participle in the protasis and the Imperfect in the apodosis (as, *if I found him now*, *I would tell him*).

(u) Cf. § 23. 2. d., under which many of the cases here eited may also be classified, e. g., do this and live may be do this that you may live, or if you do this, you will live.

(v) Here belong also  $\Box \aleph \dots \Box \aleph$ ,  $if \dots if$ , whether \dots or, ef.  $i \dot{a} \nu \tau_{\varepsilon}$ , sive ... sive.

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